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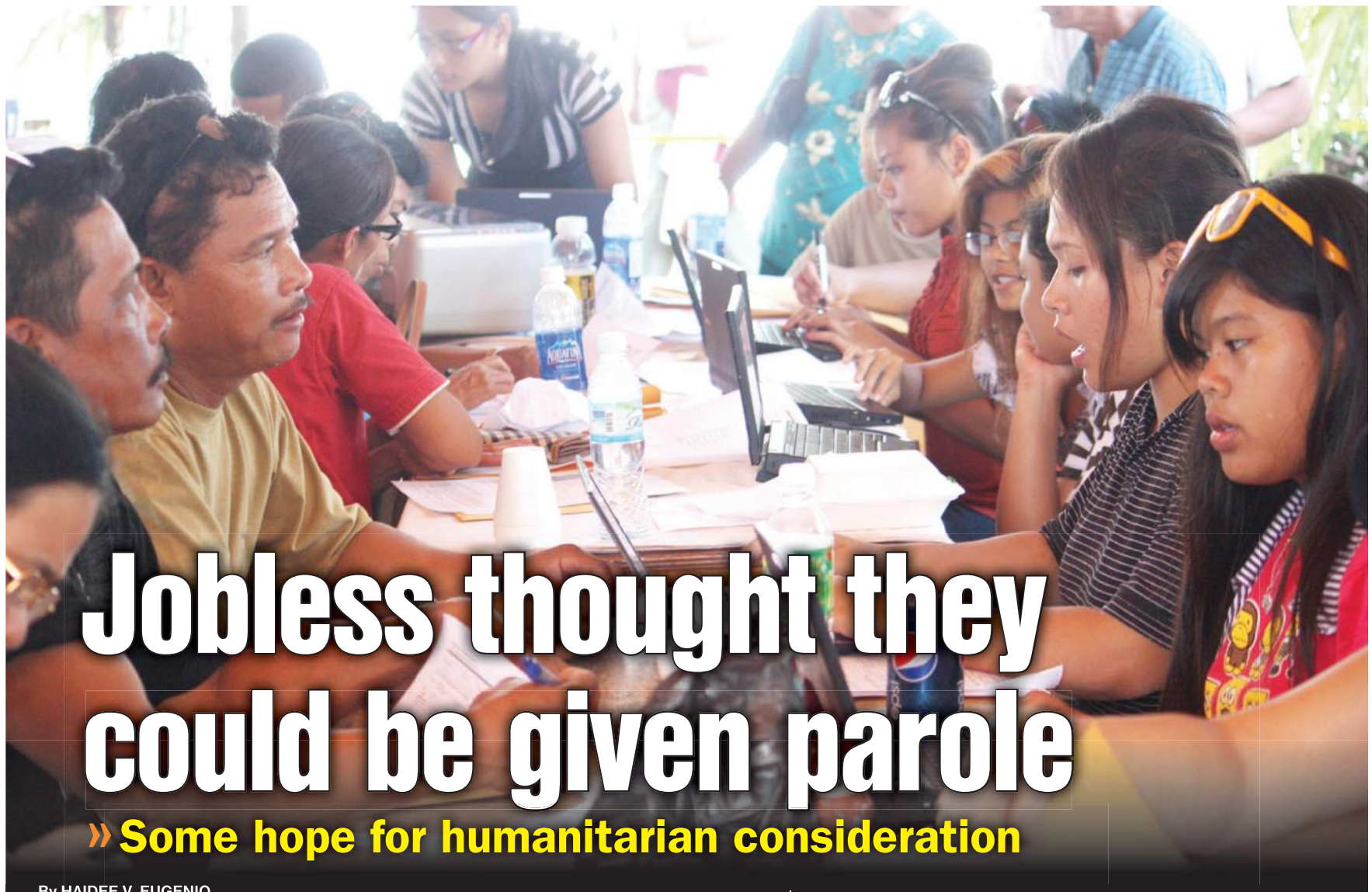

Jobless thought they could be given parole

» Some hope for humanitarian consideration

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Hundreds of mostly jobless individuals from the Philippines trooped to an area in Oleai yesterday to get assistance in filling out forms that many of them wrongfully thought that once submitted to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, would allow them to remain in the CNMI beyond Nov. 27 while looking for an employer.

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Hundreds of nonresidents, many of them currently without jobs, receive assistance from students and other community volunteers in filling out forms and writing request letters for parole that many thought could allow them to lawfully remain in the CNMI after Nov. 27, during a community assistance program organized by DJ "Jimmy B" beside the Sand Juvy Restaurant and Catering in Oleai from 10am to 4pm yesterday. Despite misunderstanding federal regulations and policies, many of these unemployed nonresidents said they are still hoping that the federal government will provide humanitarian consideration to allow them to remain in the CNMI at least until Jan. 31, 2012 to find a job instead of the Nov. 27 deadline. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Analysis: Inclusion in national food stamp program beneficial to CNMI

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Sablan

An analysis recently conducted by former Finance secretary Robert Schrack of RAS Consulting confirmed Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) previous statements that the CNMI's inclusion in the national food stamp program would increase food stamp benefits by $12 million to $24 million.

But the Fitial administration, through the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, has been opposed to the CNMI's inclusion in the national food stamp program or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP.

The administration had cited that under the SNAP, the CNMI is required to share one-half of the administrative costs.

Currently, these are entirely paid with federal grant funds.

The current administrative cost is $1.3 million. This means if the CNMI is included in SNAP, it has to

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Inos: Estimated deficit at $9M for FY 2011

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos said preliminary estimates show that the CNMI government's deficit could be $9 million mainly because expenditures exceeded allotments for medical referral and Medicaid as well as the deferred employer contributions to the NMI Retirement Fund.

Inos, who oversees government finances, said the government was able to collect close to its revised $122 million—from $132 million—in projected revenue available for spending, but it's always the healthcare-related spending that goes beyond allotments.

"Revenue-wise, we expect to come in within the ballpark figure…it's the expenditure side that is the problem," he said.

Inos said the administration would have its FY 2011 report by end-December.

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Waiver of some DPL fees sought

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Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) and three other House members are seeking a waiver of Department of Public Lands fees for private property owners, businesses and organizations that want to clean up or maintain public land surrounding their private property.

House Bill 17-231, pre-filed on Friday, seeks to allow DPL to grant revocable consent without fees to individuals, businesses, or organizations to construct and maintain certain structures on public property such as driveways and sidewalks.

Sablan said it is imperative that people, businesses, and organizations help maintain and beautify the CNMI to help promote the islands as a clean and health-conscious tourism destination.

But while these people, businesses and groups want to do so, they are prevented by DPL fees they are required to pay. HB 17-231 seeks a waiver of DPL fees only to those that build or maintain certain structures on public property considered to be "eye sore" for tourists and residents.

Woman indicted for immigration fraud

The U.S. government has indicted a woman who allegedly filed a false statement in her application to register permanent residence or adjust status before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The indictment charged Liwen Tang with one count of immigration fraud.

During a hearing on Friday, Tang, who appeared with court-appointed counsel Colin Thompson, pleaded not guilty.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the jury trial for Dec. 12, 2011.

Manglona ordered that the defendant be released upon the posting of $2,000 cash. She posted the bail that day.

According to the indictment, on Dec. 21, 2009, Tang filed a USCIS Form I-485 (application to register permanent residence or adjust status) before the USCIC on Aug. 31, 2009.

In her response to the questioning about her family composition in the documents, the defendant stated that her only child was her daughter born in 2006.

The statement was material to USCIS' determination of Tang's application for lawful permanent resident status.

Assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum stated in the indictment that Tang knew the statement was false in that in April 2002 on Saipan, the defendant gave birth to a son whose biological father was listed on the child's 2002 birth certificate as Abdullah al Mamun. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

$225,875 awarded to 4 projects for conservation innovation

HONOLULU—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced that $225,875 is being awarded to four entities through the Conservation Innovation Grant.

"We are pleased to provide this federal funding to help these innovative projects to help our farming community," said Angel Figueroa, NRCS Director of the Pacific Islands Area. "These new techniques can be adapted by others."

The Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council was awarded funds to conduct landowner workshops to promote land stewardship and Farm Bill programs. Five workshops will be conducted, reaching approximately 150 total people and informational packets will be produced, with general fact sheets and program information tailored to each county. An informational article will be published in at least one local paper. Maps showing geographic payment rates, important agricultural lands, and other criteria-based information will be produced. All resource materials, and electronic audio-visual files will be uploaded onto the Oahu RC&D's website (www.oahurcd.org).

Hawaii Agriculture Research Center was awarded funds towards the reclamation of abandoned agricultural land. This project's primary purpose is to further the development of high value, specialty agroforestry crop systems in Hawaii and the Pacific. The project will further this goal through the implementation, evaluation and monitoring of ecologically stable, agroforestry systems on abandoned agricultural lands. The successful completion of the project will serve to demonstrate a novel land-use system that improves local economies and environments. The project will serve to synthesize several proven technologies developed by the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center and the University of Hawaii in order to demonstrate efficient methods to reclaim abandoned agricultural land and establish a specialty agro-forestry system to combine sustainability with profitability.

Whispering Winds Bamboo Cooperative Corporation was awarded funds to convert bamboo timber waste to bio-char using a farm-scale Adams retort kiln. The biochar product is used as a soil amendment to improve soil structure and nutrient holding capability while providing for long term soil fertility. This project will prove that installing appropriately sized farm based charcoal kilns can be cost effective, income generating and fertility enhancing to a farm operation. Total sequestered carbon will also be calculated to show how much carbon footprint offset was made by the adopted technology during the project term.

University of Guam was awarded funds to integrate pheromones and the fungal entomopathogens for the control of the sweetpotato weevil. This program is to develop, demonstrate and facilitate the adoption of farm pest management practices in sweetpotato that will enable growers to transition away from the use of high-risk pesticides in Guam and other Pacific Islands.

To learn more about the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the programs available through the Farm Bill, please visit www.pia.nrcs.usda.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/nrcs_pia. USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider. ***(PR)***

KHS Open House Night a success

Kagman High School would like to thank all stakeholders who came to the 2nd Annual Open House Night.

The school said the event was an amazing success with parents and students all over campus, going to classes, and getting an update from their teachers about their progress in class.

For any parent who did not make it to this event, KHS said they can still get an update on their child's progress. Teachers sent the remaining progress reports home with students for parent signatures.

KHS requested parents to please ask their child for copies of their progress reports for each class they are enrolled in.

The school said getting this update is crucial to be sure their kid is on track with their classes and waiting until report card day is too late.

Parents who have any questions or concerns can call the KHS main office at 237 3840.

KHS is looking forward to seeing all stakeholders again on Oct. 20 for the first PTSA meeting of the year at 5:30pm in the school's cafeteria. ***(PR)***

Retirement Fund losses independent auditor

»Broken contracts blamed on beneficiaries derivative law

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The NMI Retirement Fund has lost another service provider—this time its independent auditor because of the impact of the beneficiaries derivative law.

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that independent auditing firm J. Scott Magliari has notified its decision not to accept a contract with the Fund, citing the risks of the newly signed law which seeks to allow retirees to take legal action on behalf of trusts or the Fund when the trustees who manage them refuse to bring such actions.

With J. Scott Magliari's decision, seven contracts have now either been terminated or did not push through due to the negative impact of the law.

Other companies that decided to leave the fund include investment consultant Wilshire Associates, actuarial adviser Buck Consultants, and money managers Stralem & Company, BlackRock Inc., Fisher Investments, and Richmond Capital.

Wilshire, which was hired in October 2010, ended its relationship with the Fund last Saturday. Other terminated contracts are effective this month.

Villagomez blamed the passage of Public Law 17-51 on the exodus of the Fund's service providers.

"The contracts between the Fund and investment consultant, actuary, and money managers—respectively—were broken by P.L. 17-51. It is chasing all the service providers away," said Villagomez.

Last Friday morning, he revealed that J. Scott Magliari called his office withdrawing its proposal for the request for proposal for audit services. The company, he said, was the sole respondent to the recently ended RFP for the audit services.

"He called to inform us that even if indemnification from P.L. 17-51 was an option, he could not accept an indemnification from the Fund because it would violate his requirement to maintain independence as an auditor. The standard of independence applies to all audit firms," explained Villagomez, alluding to the firm's owner, J. Scott Magliari.

According to Villagomez, the auditing firm has explored the possibility of obtaining insurance to cover liabilities brought on by P.L. 17-51. But after an extensive search, Magliari, he said, was not able to find an insurance policy to cover liabilities brought by the beneficiaries' derivative law.

"He said he was sorry that his firm has to withdraw its proposal and will be sending a letter that states this," said the administrator, adding that the Fund is in the process of re-issuing an "emergency" RFP for audit services. J. Scott Magliari has been conducting the Fund's audit reports for many years.

Villagomez said the need for an auditor constitutes an emergency because the Fund has deadlines to meet to comply with the auditor's requirements as well as the CNMI government's Single Audit. If the Fund is not able to have its books audited, or if the auditors' opinion is qualified due to the delay in getting the audit done, it will cause the entire CNMI single audit to be a qualified report.

"If this happens, it will be very bad for the CNMI," he added.

Last Friday, associate judge Kenneth Govendo denied the Fund's request for a temporary restraining order for P.L. 17-51 citing the law is constitutional.

Police recover stolen car in San Antonio

Police recovered the car that was stolen from the parking lot of an apartment in San Antonio on Friday.

Saipan Tribune learned yesterday that a police officer spotted the 2005 maroon Ford Focus with license plate ACA-527 abandoned in the grassy area near the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio on Friday afternoon.

Sources said two male minors were seen in the car, but it was not clear whether they were arrested.

No item was stolen, but inside the car were betel nut stains.

The officer returned the vehicle to the owner, Ruby Gozon.

Gozon said the car was parked Thursday night in front of their apartment room located near the former Winners Garment Factory and New World Market.

Gozon said when she woke up the following morning, the car was already missing, prompting her to call 911 for assistance.

The car keys were accidentally left inside the car and the suspects, believe to be residing in the area, noticed that the vehicle was open.

Due to the reported rampant burglary and theft incidents in San Antonio, Gozon and her family are expected to move to a safer apartment.

Sources also alerted San Antonio residents about these juveniles who would check parked vehicles at night and use them for island-wide joyrides. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Coast Guard sends drinking water to South Pacific

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)—A U.S. Coast Guard cutter stationed in Honolulu is helping bring 36,000 gallons (136,271 liters) of drinking water to a small island-nation in the South Pacific suffering from severe drought conditions.

Tokelau, made up of three atolls, had about seven days of fresh drinking water left, the Coast Guard said Wednesday.

Cutter Walnut was on American Samoa to meet up with a New Zealand Defence Force aircraft bringing large containers and a seven-person team. The containers were being loaded with fresh drinking water, which the cutter would travel 358 miles over 30 hours to deliver the water to Tokelau.

"This is a very real humanitarian need here," said U.S. Ambassador David Huebner, of the joint effort with the Government of New Zealand. "We are talking about approximately 1,500 people who could be out of fresh water within a week, so we really needed to act very quickly."

Tokelau has no useable airfield, making an air mission impossible, but the Cutter Walnut was in the region on patrol, Coast Guard Lt. Gene Maestas said. The U.S. Embassy in Wellington, New Zealand contacted Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu Sunday to discuss transporting a New Zealand assessment team and drinking water to Tokelau.

The island groups of Tuvalu and Tokelau have declared emergencies, relying on bottled water and seeking more desalination machines. Parts of Samoa are starting to ration water.

Supplies are precariously low after a severe lack of rain in a region where underground reserves have been fouled by saltwater from rising seas that scientists have linked to climate change.

Tokelau residents ran out of fresh water altogether last week and relying on a seven-day supply for bottled water sent from Samoa.

PACIFIC BRIEFS

11 to be arraigned in major Cooks drug bust

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International)—Eleven people charged in the Cook Islands largest ever drug bust are to appear in the High Court in Rarotonga. They were charged after a combined Cook Islands/New Zealand police exercise, dubbed Operation Eagle. The defendants include a former New Zealand police officer, Mark Franklin, who's facing charges of selling illicit drugs and possessing drugs for supply or sale. Another is Giovanni Marsters, the son of the deputy prime minister, who's charged with willfully attempting to pervert the course of justice, using, importing and selling drugs. His partner, a suspended police officer, Inano Matapo, is also facing charges, including seven of accepting bribes. Their cases are likely to be further adjourned, as evidence is still being analyzed in offshore laboratories.

Fiji tour industry touts world surf competition

SUVA, Fiji (Fijilive)—A world surfing competition to be held in Fiji next year is expected to boost the tourist industry and the local economy says Attorney General and Minister for Tourism Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum. The Volcom sponsored Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) Volcom Fiji Pro will be held at the world renowned surfing sites around Tavarua from 2012 to 2015. In announcing the event, Sayed-Khaiyum said the competition was a result of the surfing decree which had attracted a lot of attention world wide. "From governments perspective this will generate a lot of positive publicity about Fiji and the benefits of coming to Fiji and indeed it will boost our tourism industry," said Sayed-Khaiyum. Volcom representative Brad Dougherty said they were spending around US$6 million to hold the event in Fiji over the next three years. Dougherty said the event would bring in international media and would be broadcast live into over 20 million homes with news and reporting companies expected to take the coverage into a further 90 million homes. He also said the event had an option to continue being held annually in Fiji for another six years. The ASP Volcom Pro will be held from June 3-15.

Defiant Flosse blames opponents, plans appeal

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International)—French Polynesia's veteran politician, Gaston Flosse, has accused the current and previous president of having led the territory to ruin. Speaking on public television after being convicted and sentenced to four years in jail for abuse of funds, Flosse says Oscar Temaru and Gaston Tong Sang have left the government's coffers empty. He says before his 2004 election loss, the administration had reserves of nearly US$300 million. But Temaru's party, Tavini Huiraatira, has hit back, accusing him of selling the country and its people to the nuclear devil—an allusion to Flosse's support of the French nuclear weapons testing regime. It says the poor were at his whim, with promises of housing or jobs if they voted for him. The party says after his loss, with the help of the French state, he did whatever was possible to stifle change.

The party says he has succeeded as he has brought about instability that has allowed no government to move forward.

PNG court declares Polye rightful party leader

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (The National)—The National Court of Papua New Guinea has ruled that Kandep Member of Parliament and Finance and Treasury Minister Don Polye is the rightful leader of the National Alliance (NA) party. The decision by Justice Royale Thompson puts to rest the question of leadership of the largest party in parliament currently evenly divided in the government and opposition benches.

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Many of these jobless foreigners didn't know that they cannot be granted parole to remain in the CNMI beyond Nov. 27 if they do not have an employer that will petition them for a Commonwealth-only worker, or CW, status, by Nov. 27.

Without a pending CW application filed by their employer by Nov. 27, they could lose status to remain in the CNMI and face deportation.

USCIS may grant parole or permission to be in the CNMI to CNMI permanent residents, immediate relatives of CNMI permanent residents, and the immediate relatives of citizens of the Compacts of Free Association states such as Palau, the Marshall Islands, and Federated States of Micronesia's Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, and Kosrae.

Many of these jobless foreign individuals also didn't know that if they do not have an expired or expiring parole or an I-94, they can never be granted an extension of parole until Jan. 31, 2012.

But just the same, many of these jobless individuals who admitted they didn't understand what a grant of parole or extension of parole is or who is eligible to apply for one, went to a "help desk" organized by KWAW DJ "Jimmy B" or Jimmy Blancia of Magic 100.3 FM yesterday.

Jimmy B, over 15 volunteer Marianas High School students, and other community members set up a tent beside Sand Juvy Restaurant and Catering in Oleai from 10am to 4pm yesterday to help foreigners fill out Form G-325 and compose a letter requesting USCIS to allow them to remain in the CNMI until Jan. 31, 2012.

In an interview, Jimmy B said all he wanted was to help his fellow countrymen be able to legally stay in the CNMI beyond Nov. 27, regardless of whether they have jobs or none.

"All we are asking is humanitarian assistance or consideration from USCIS," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said not everyone who showed up were jobless.

Some of them indeed needed to have their parole or Form I-94 extended to Jan. 31, 2012 because they expired or will expire on Nov. 27.

Some jobless parents of minor U.S. citizen children also went to the place yesterday, thinking that once they fill out and submit a Form G-325, they could lawfully remain in the CNMI after Nov. 27. But that's not true. They need to have an employer file for a CW status for them by Nov. 27.

Many of those interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday said they or somebody else heard over the radio that those who want to be able to remain in the CNMI after Nov. 27, including those without jobs, should show up at the Sunday event.

"I am trying my luck," said Adelina Mandia, 60, who has an umbrella permit expiring on Nov. 27 but currently does not have a job.

She said she has yet to find an employer that will petition her for a CW status.

"I thought if we apply for parole, we can stay here. I didn't know that's not true," she said. But Mandia, who has been on Saipan for 18 years, said she will continue to look for an employer who will file a CW petition for her.

Nieves Quitevis, who lost her job in August after working on Saipan for nine years, said she heard on the radio that if those like her want to apply for a parole-in-place, they will be helped so she went to Oleai yesterday. But she said yesterday even though it's not true, there's no harm in trying.

"My understanding is that I can get a parole to stay here until Jan. 31, 2012," she said. "I'm not sure if that's true but I came here anyway. Who knows?" she added.

When asked whether she thought she was misinformed, Quitevis said maybe the organizers just wanted to help those like her.

Jimmy B said there's nothing wrong asking for something from USCIS.

But USCIS has repeatedly said foreign workers need to have an employer who would petition them for a CW status by Nov. 27 if they don't qualify for an H1B or other INA status, or they could lose status to remain in the CNMI after that date.

Another jobless foreigner said yesterday if she doesn't find a new employer by Nov. 27, she's willing to go back to the Philippines.

She said she will go back to the Philippine Consulate General to see whether she could be helped with the airfare to return home.

Another unemployed nonresident said he thought he would be able to apply for a parole in place so he could find a job. Like many others, he said he didn't realize that's not the case.

"So now I really have to look for a job," he said.

FOOD STAMP

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shoulder $650,000 of the administrative costs.

But RAS Consulting said the $650,000 would be more than covered by additional tax revenue of $2.148 million to $5.04 million generated by the increased food sales and other economic activity resulting from inclusion in SNAP.

RAS Consulting also said inclusion in SNAP would also result in a total economic impact of $21.48 million to $42.96 million annually using the SNAP multiplier.

The current food stamp assistance block grant that the CNMI negotiates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture each year provides less than half the average benefit that those in need receive in Guam.

Unlike the CNMI, Guam is included in the national food stamp program called SNAP.

To illustrate: An average monthly food stamp benefit for a family of four in the CNMI is $302 a month.

In Guam, a family of four receives an average of $985 a month in food stamps. Nationally, the average monthly benefit for a family of four is $668.

Sablan wrote separately to acting governor Eloy S. Inos, Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), and other members of the CNMI Legislature to drum up support for the CNMI's inclusion in the national food stamp program.

Manglona, in a phone interview, said the analysis made on the economic impact of being a part of the SNAP should be considered by the CNMI government.

The CNMI Senate president said his Senate Bill 17-88, which seeks CNMI inclusion in SNAP, will be acted on during the next session.

Sablan, in his letter to Inos, requested that the acting governor initiate a planning process with USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack to integrate the CNMI into the SNAP.

The delegate said while the CNMI has had some success in obtaining supplemental funding to add to the CNMI block grant—including an additional $1 million for the fiscal year 2012 block grant—these "ad hoc increases" provide "too little money and does not adjust to changing economic circumstances."

"As a result, earlier this year, you were forced to reduce benefits to our people and even put some of those who were eligible on a waitlist," Sablan told Inos.

Sablan introduced a bill, the AYUDA Act, which would put the CNMI into the SNAP, but he said there is a more direct route to this goal.

Public Law 96-597 provides the USDA secretary the authority to integrate the CNMI into the program, he said.

The delegate also said that the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee in its recently adopted report on Fiscal 2012 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture has told the USDA secretary to use this authority and begin working with the CNMI on an integration plan.

"I would like to encourage you to seize the initiative now and contact Secretary Vilsack, expressing your willingness to proceed with planning. I stand ready to assist you in any way that I can to gain equal treatment for the people of the Northern Marianas who need food," Sablan told Inos.

Sablan, in previous communications, said the Fitial administration should allow the local economy to get an additional $12 million to $24 million by fully supporting the CNMI's inclusion in the national food stamp program.

But the administration had said it does not oppose getting more funds for nutrition assistance or food stamp but cannot immediately commit to any added costs without a thorough analysis of the program.

DEFICIT

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But in the first half of FY 2011, government revenue was short by over $1.087 million mainly because of low hospital collections.

During the same period, expenditures exceeded allotments by $657,236, also primarily because of hospital expenses and medical referral.

Finance said actual revenue in the first half of the year totaled only $56,540,964, which was $1,087 or almost 2 percent below the estimate of $57,628,750.

Were it not for the hospital collection, which was $3.319 million less than estimate, there would have been a surplus in the first half of the year.

Commonwealth Cultural Day

In other news, Inos called on the community to take pride in their culture, tradition, and heritage as the Commonwealth observes Cultural Day today.

The government holiday used to be Columbus Day until it was changed to Commonwealth Cultural Day.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said this is a time to reflect on the noble traditions and culture passed on by ancestors.

Cultural Day is part of a four-day holiday for many government employees—austerity Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and today's holiday.

Man gets 6-month jail term for driver's license fraud

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The federal court on Friday sentenced to six months in prison Wei Lin, a Chinese national convicted for fraudulently obtaining a CNMI driver's license.

Manglona

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona gave Lin credit for the six months he already served in jail.

Manglona ordered Lin to pay a $300 court assessment fee. No fine was imposed.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley stated that the U.S. government recommends not to impose any fines as the prosecution hopes to get a conviction in the second pending case against Lin and get restitution for the alleged victims.

Defense attorney Michael Norita Evangelista told *Saipan Tribune* that the sentence was very reasonable.

"We thank the court for its time and consideration," Evangelista said.

Evangelista's co-counsel, Joseph Norita Camacho, informed *Saipan Tribune* that Lin wants to appeal his conviction.

Camacho said he will meet Evangelista and the defendant to determine the issues to be appealed.

In August 2011, a federal jury found Lin guilty of two counts of document fraud, and one count of making a false statement to a federal agent.

According to the indictment, Lin paid $350 to a third party to unlawfully obtain the driver's license without meeting the requirements for the issuance of a valid driver's license under CNMI law.

Lin presented the Bureau of Motor Vehicles with an affidavit falsely stating that he had lost his previous driver's license, when he knew that his license had been confiscated by a police officer.

The prosecution said that on April 2, 2011, Lin told Department of Homeland Security special agent Isra Harahap that he did not have any identification documents, and that his driver's license had been taken by a U.S. immigration agent in the parking lot of a poker establishment in San Jose.

The prosecution said the statements were false because as Lin knew, he was in actual possession of a duplicate CNMI driver's license that he had fraudulently procured.

NMC regents reviewing four new policies

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The Board of Regents is conducting a full review of four policies recommended for adoption by the management of Northern Marianas College this school year.

The new policies were brought to the regents for first reading during its meeting last week and were referred to the staff for further review and analysis and to incorporate the input made by the board. Some of the policies were also referred to the legal counsel for review.

Under further review are policies on governance and organization, pertaining to board meetings and agendas as well as employee code of conduct; policy on personnel administration on recruitment and hiring practices; and rules on drug-free workplace, smoking tobacco and betel-nut chewing.

According to NMC, the recommended policies have undergone review by the college council, a governance body at NMC that advises the president. The council consists of faculty, staff, and students.

Based on the proposed Section 203.1, a policy on board meetings and agendas, it is recommended that the board shall establish an annual regular meeting schedule and which agenda items must be consulted by the college president with the board chairperson. The board chair, or a majority of the members, may also call a non-emergency or emergency special meeting as long as it conforms with the Commonwealth Government Act.

The proposed Section 205.1, meantime, all college personnel including board members are covered by the code of conduct implemented by NMC. The board supports an environment that is free of discrimination and harassment. This proposed policy also prohibits personnel and regents in unlawful consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs within the workplaces and prohibit the usage of college resources in authorized activities that disrupt the efficient and economical administration of the college.

Likewise, the same policy prohibits sexual or other forms of harassment within the workplaces.

The college management also wants a policy adopted that states all recruitment, hiring, and selection of employees must be based on the requirements of the job stated on the vacancy announcement, on the qualifications of the applicants, and the needs of the college.

Hiring the best qualified individual, it said, promotes the best interests of the college and its clientele—the students.

Additionally, NMC also prohibits smoking and betel-nut chewing on college property and proposed the board to adopt an internal procedure in implanting the drug-free workplace act of 1988 and the CNMI Public Law. 16-46 which prohibits smoking in all workplaces and public places.

Bordallo slams McCain for comments on $33M for Guam

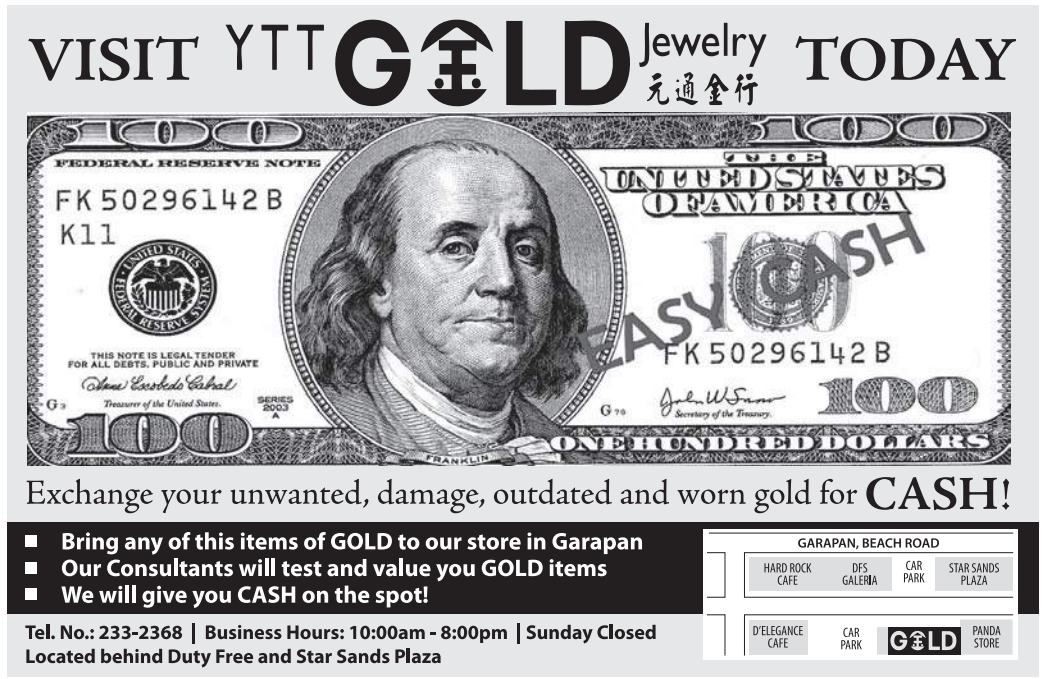
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo issued recently the following statement regarding statements made by Senator John McCain on the Senate floor. McCain criticized the Senate Appropriations Committee's passage of H.R. 2219, the Department of Defense appropriations act for fiscal year 2012.

Bordallo

McCain

"Senator McCain's views are out of step with the Department of Defense, the House, and the State Department, and they are not consistent with his previous stance on infrastructure funding for Guam," said Bordallo. "During last year's debate on the NDAA, the Senate expressed concern about infrastructure funding and requirements in Guam. This $33 million addresses critical civilian infrastructure needs and provides funding for the Department of the Navy to fulfill certain obligations agreed to in the Programmatic Agreement.

"Senator McCain's comments are also not consistent with recent developments in Japan. For the first time, the Government of Japan has a concrete plan on how to achieve tangible progress in Okinawa next year, and Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda has expressed his government's support for moving forward with the realignment. The buildup in Guam is an absolute necessity for the United States to ensure regional stability, and Congress must provide the resources necessary to ensure that it is a win-win for both our military and Guam's civilian community." ***(PR)***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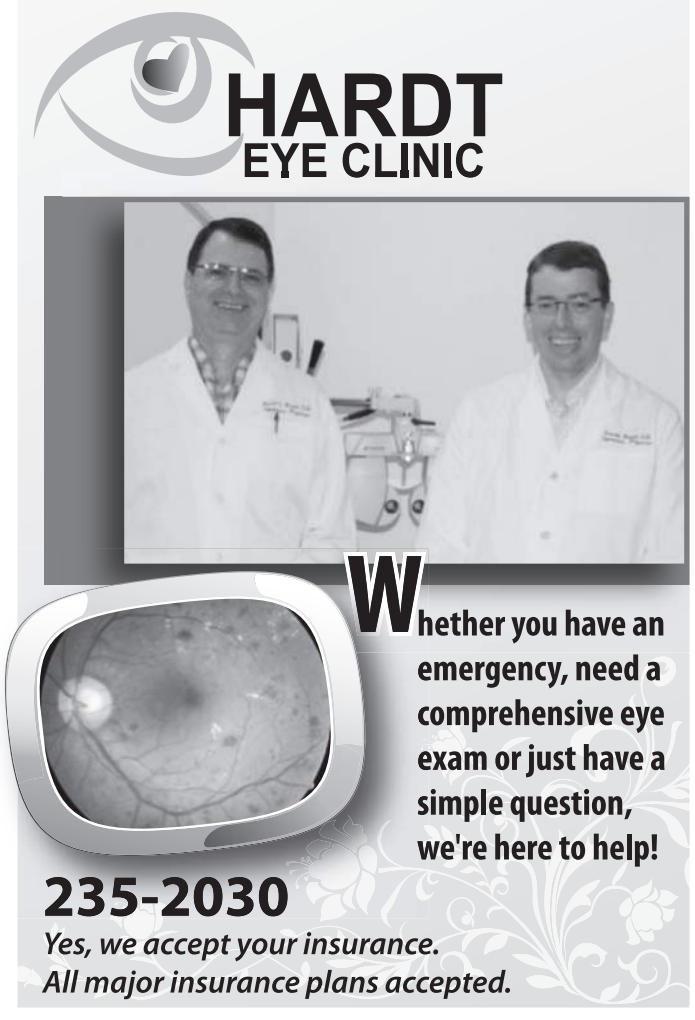
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AFTER FITIAL REPROGRAMS $200K CDBG FUND

PSS swimming pool project postponed

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The construction of the first-ever swimming pool project of the Public School System has been cancelled this school year despite the successful effort of PSS to secure needed funding for the project.

This after the Fitial administration reprogrammed $200,000 for the swimming pool project to pay the central government's debt to Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Last Septmeber, PSS and the Board of Education approved the construction of a swimming pool at the Saipan Southern High School. The facility would have been open to the community and sports organization on island.

SSHS secured a community development block grant from the Northern Marianas Housing Development to realize the project.

SSHS principal Jesse Tudela confirmed to *Saipan Tribune* the postponement of the project, saying the decision was arrived at by both NMHC and the Fitial administration.

He said the housing agency notified the school about the project's postponement, citing federal funds were reprogrammed last June by Fitial to pay a portion of the government's debt to the utilities firm.

Tudela said NMHC, however, indicated in the notice that the project will still be funded in the next program year. The approved $200,000 was supposed to come from the program year 2009 grant through the federally funded CDBG program.

"We're still hopeful and we're counting on the words of NMHC. We were notified that the funding for our project was re-allocated to buy fuel for CUC in June, but we were also assured that they will fund it under a different program year grant," Tudela said.

The Fitial administration, meantime, has yet to issue a comment on the matter.

Saipan Tribune learned that it was during the term of former SSHS principal Craig Garrison when the project was proposed to NMHC. The housing agency, through its yearly community development block grant from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, approved the needed funding for the project.

PSS earlier said that SSHS anticipates about $7,000 in additional cost to sustain the swimming pool's operation and maintenance.

UH-Manoa to host Pacific Islands Climate Science Center

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar recently announced the selection of the University of Hawaii-Manoa in Honolulu as host of the Department of the Interior's Pacific Islands Climate Science Center (CSC), with the University of Hawaii-Hilo and the University of Guam as consortium partners. He also announced that the University of Massachusetts-Amherst will host the Northeast CSC and the University of Oklahoma the South Central CSC.

The three locations complete the national network of eight CSCs that will serve to provide land managers in federal, state and local agencies access to the best science available regarding climate change and other landscape-scale stressors.

"The Pacific Islands center and other Climate Science Centers will provide the scientific talent and commitment necessary for understanding how climate change and other landscape stressors will change the face of the United States, and how the Department of the Interior, as our nation's chief steward of natural and cultural resources, can prepare and respond," said Salazar.

The Pacific Islands CSC will focus on advancing the science of climate change in U.S. jurisdictions in the Pacific including Hawaii; the territories of American Samoa and Guam; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Republic of the Marshall Islands; Republic of Palau; and Federated States of Micronesia.

Pacific islands are especially vulnerable to climate change because of their relative isolation and dependence on ocean transport for most resources. By contributing to changes in water cycle processes, weather patterns, ocean conditions, and sea-level rise, scientists report that climate change and other landscape-scale stressors in the islands threatens commerce and sustainability.

Faculty members at the three Pacific Islands CSC institutions are engaged in research across the full range of physical, biological, and social impacts of climate change. Recent work includes research on the causes and prediction of climate variability and change, sea-level rise, and responses of terrestrial and marine ecosystems to these changes.

Salazar noted that the CSCs will expand climate science capabilities without building new facilities or duplicating existing capabilities.

The scientific priorities and agendas of each CSC will be decided in consultation with the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) in their respective regions—which are also part of the department's coordinated climate change strategy—as well as with other scientists and land managers. The nationwide network of LCCs engages federal agencies, local and state partners, and the public in crafting practical, landscape-level strategies for managing climate change and other landscape-scale stressors impacting the nation's natural and cultural resources.

The CSCs will serve as regional hubs of the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, located at the headquarters of Interior's U.S. Geological Survey. USGS is taking the lead on establishing the CSCs and providing initial staffing. Together, Interior's CSCs and LCCs will assess the impacts of climate change and other landscape-scale stressors that typically extend beyond the borders of any single national wildlife refuge, national park or Bureau of Land Management unit and will identify strategies to ensure that resources across landscapes are resilient.

A list of the eight regional Climate Science Centers is available http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Secretary-Salazar-Names-Three-Universities-to-Host-Regional-Climate-Science-Centers.cfm. ***(OIA)***

Military training on FDM, W-517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Air Force and Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- Oct. 10-13 from 8:30am to 10:30pm.
- Oct. 14 from 8:30am to 5:30pm.

The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on the following dates and times:

- Oct. 10 and 12 from 8:30am to 5:30pm
- Oct. 11 from 7am to 1pm
- Oct. 13 from 7am to 5:30pm
- Oct. 14 from 8:30am to 1pm

The general public especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10'N/144° 30'E, 13° 10'N/144° 42'E, 12° 50'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/143° 00'E, 11° 45'N/143° 00'E, 12° 50'N/144° 30'E.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, INC., Plaintiff,	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 10 - 0337**
v.	**NOTICE OF SALE**
JAMES T. LIZAMA and MARYANN Q. LIZAMA, Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Foreclosure Sale Order, dated August 22, 2011, issued by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Defendants James T. Lizama and Maryann Q. Lizama's interests in Lot 001 G 103, located in Saipan, CNMI, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on terms and conditions set forth herein below.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The Sale will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Law Offices of O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Second Floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. The property is described as Lot 001 G 103, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 03, the original of which was recorded 20 March 1986 as Document No. 86-0510 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute the basis for any claim, adjustment, or rescission of the auction sale. Information concerning the property can be obtained by contacting Francisco Ermitanio of Wells Fargo Financial, Inc. at Tel. No. 235-6044.

Warranties and Covenants. The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant express or implied for the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.

A) Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: 1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; 2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before the property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and 3) to reject any or all bids for any reason.

B) Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the office of O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes. The bidder assumes all risk. Any person, including the Plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

C) Payment. The successful bidder shall pay ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to the undersigned immediately after the sale is consummated. The balance must be paid to Plaintiff, in care of the undersigned, within five (5) calendar days of the sale. If the balance is not paid within five (5) calendar days of the sale, Plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages and the property may be resubmitted for sale, or sold to the next highest bidder, at Plaintiff's option.

D) Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

Dated this 22nd of September, 2011.

/S/ Gregory J. Koebel
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Court-Appointed Auctioneer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, WAKIN'S BUILDING, PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes
   a. Minutes of 9/14/11 CDA Board Meeting
   b. Minutes of 9/14/11 DCD Board Meeting

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
1. Executive Director
2. Comptroller
3. Legal Counsel

IV. DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES
1. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget
   a. Interviews – Comptroller Position
   b. Public Laws 10-76 and 11-59
   c. Within Grade Increases (WGI)
   d. Public Law 17-55, FY2012 Budget Act
   e. Governor's Directive No. 282
2. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
   a. Policy & Procedures on Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure
3. Development Banking Division (DBD)
4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities
   a. Open Government Act Request

V. OLD BUSINESS
1. Office Relocation
2. State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)
3. Commonwealth Gov't Employees' Credit Union (CGECU)
4. New Employer's Share Contribution (NMIRF)
5. Arctic Circle Investment

VI. NEW BUSINESS
1. MPLT Resolution 11-5 and MOA

VII. OTHER MATTERS
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/ **PEDRO I. ITIBUS**
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE ESTATE OF SUSANA DELEON GUERRERO PANGELINAN Deceased.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0216** **NOTICE OF MOTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY**

Date: October 11, 2011
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Naraja

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Petitioner, through undersigned counsel, on the 11th day of October, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., will and hereby does MOVE this Court to approve the sale of the Estate's below-described real property to Petitioner:

Lot 004 H 19, (formerly part of Original Lot 004 H 11, which was Lot 10, Block 81), containing an area of 1,072 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 5017/90, the original of which was recorded 08 JUN 1990 as Document No. 90-2222 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan

All heirs to the Estate have joined in Petitioner's motion.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2011.

O'CONNOR BERMAN DOTTS & BANES

By: /s/
GREGORY J. KOEBEL, ESQ., F0177

Fan of Sawada flies to Saipan to say farewell, offer prayers

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

An avid fan of Taiji Sawada, a Japanese musician and songwriter who died on Saipan after he reportedly tried to kill himself in his detention cell last July, flew to the island last Thursday from Japan to say farewell and offer prayers to him.

"His (Sawada) end was too sad but at least I was able to know that he was given good treatment by nice nurses. I appreciate the people of Saipan," said 36-year-old Sachiyo Iijima.

Iijima, an airport services agent for the American Airlines at Narita Airport, arrived on the island on Thursday midnight and later took the 4pm flight back to Japan on the same day. It was her first visit to the island.

Upon Iijima's request, *Saipan Tribune* brought her at about 10am to the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue where she shed tears as she clasped her hands to pray.

Sawada's body was taken to the morgue after he died last July 17, or three days after he reportedly tried to kill himself at the Department of Corrections in Susupe. The family already brought the body back to Japan, but it was not clear whether the remains were cremated or not.

After the morgue, Iijima visited CHC's intensive care unit where she burst into tears as she offered more prayers for the late musician.

Sawada had been on life support at the ICU after he became brain dead. The family then flew to Saipan and decided to unhook the life support system.

Iijima proceeded to Susupe where she stood across the DOC building for only a few minutes. There were no tears in her eyes.

"I'm happy and relieved now knowing that nice nurses treated him well at ICU even though he was not able to return to Japan alive. I feel much better now than before. It's good to come to Saipan," she said as she took another glimpse of the jail facility.

Iijima told *Saipan Tribune* she was a fan of Sawada since 1989 and that because there was no funeral or public viewing for him in Japan, going to Saipan was her only chance to say farewell to him.

"Everything happened [was] so weird. I just cannot accept the fact. I just want to know what was going on," said Iijima, referring to Sawada's arrest on July 11 when he reportedly became unruly as the aircraft he was onboard was about to land at the Saipan International Airport, and the July 14 incident when he was rushed to CHC for trying to hang himself.

Iijima said Sawada was very talented and to her he was a real rock star and that no one can replace him.

"Even though he was a rock musician, he also composed songs. He actually was originally a guitarist," she said. "He's very charismatic. I've never seen a musician like him," said Iijima who remembers watching Sawada's concerts in Japan more than 30 times.

The last time Iijima was able to watch Sawada's concert was August 2010 when Sawada was reunited with his former band, X-Japan.

It was a two-day concert and Iijima watched both performances.

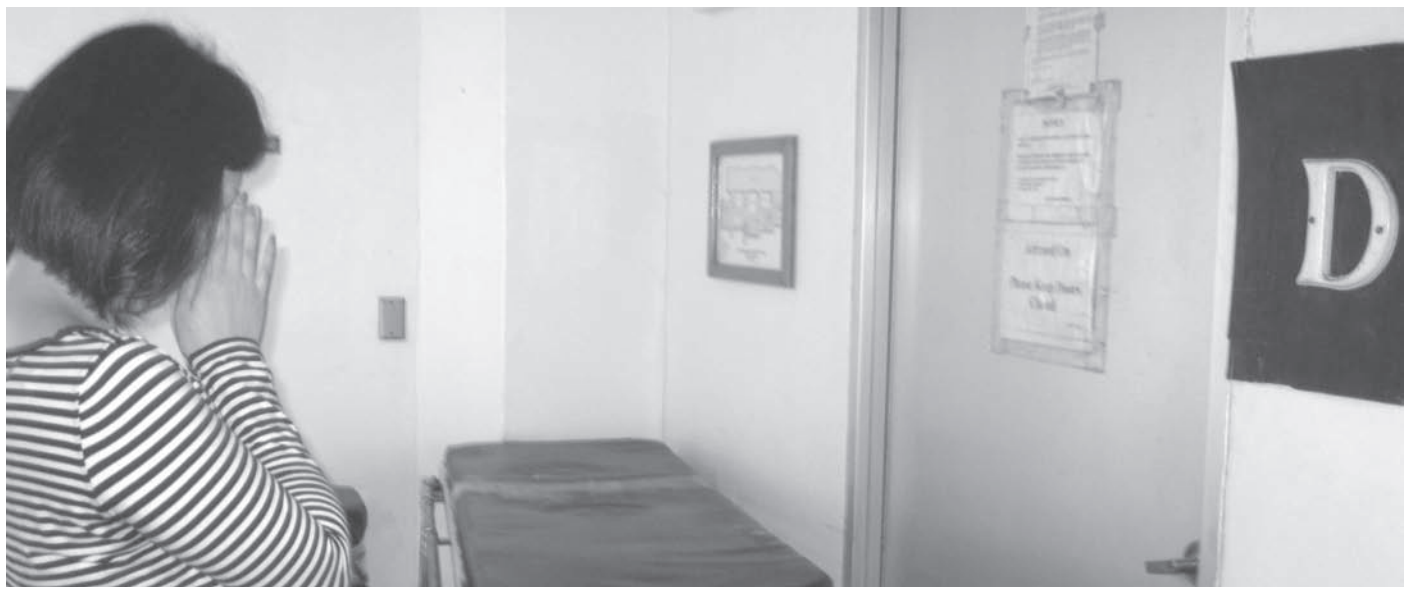
"My teenage years was filled with X (X-Japan band) especially Taiji (Sawada). I will never forget this memory. I was so happy that they reunited after 18 years. Taiji said it was a great honor to play with old partners and he was very happy to be on the stage with them," she recalled.

Iijima said when she first learned through the Internet about the arrest of Sawada on Saipan, her first reaction was to ask what's wrong with him.

When she learned that Sawada tried to end his life and eventually died, she was stunned.

"I couldn't believe because I was praying and believing he can recover and return to Japan to play on stage again," Iijima said.

She added that before the death of Sawada, she observed early this year that his blog changed a lot and appeared so weird.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Sachiyo Iijima, an avid fan of the late Japanese musician and songwriter Taiji Sawada, offers prayers for Sawada outside the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue on Thursday.

"I want to investigate, but there's no way I could do it by myself," Iijima said.

Before leaving for Japan, Iijima also tried to retrace Sawada's steps. She went to Fiesta Resort and Spa to see for herself the same view Sawada enjoyed.

"Although he didn't look happy on the pictures taken in Saipan that were posted on both his and his female manager's blogs, I am sure he enjoyed the beautiful color of the ocean," she said.

Man'amko gear up for Halloween

The senior citizens on Saipan are gearing up for their Halloween celebration.

Aging Office program coordinator Walter Manglona said that for this year's celebration, the *man'amko* will have different games to play to enjoy Halloween.

Manglona said the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council have already handed out solicitations for prizes to various establishments.

According to Manglona, they are looking at "possibly" having the *man'amko*'s Halloween celebration outside the Aging Center to "add a little twist" to the celebration.

But Manglona noted that the congregates have always celebrated Halloween at the Aging Center due to convenience.

He said the *man'amko* always need to be in a place where they have immediate access to the restroom and chairs so they don't get easily tired.

Manglona encouraged business establishments to give donations in cash or in-kind to help the congregates in their Halloween celebration.

To donate to *man'amko* or for more information, call 233-1320 or 21. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Need	Salary Range	Qualifications	Closing Date
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High School Teacher (Spanish & Theology I & II)	01	$18,000/annum to $37,990/annum	Graduate from an Accredited College/University with B.A. in Education or Related Field.	10/17/11
High School Teacher-Math (Algebra I & II, Geometry & Pre-Calculus)	01	$18,000/annum to $37,990/annum	Graduate from an Accredited College/University with B.A. in Education or Related Field.	10/17/11
Jr. High & High School Teacher-Science (Earth Sci., Gen. Sci., Biology I, Adv. Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, Environ. Science)	01	$18,000/annum to $37,990/annum	Graduate from an Accredited College/University with B.A. in Education or Related Field.	10/17/11
Computer Teacher (1st to 12th, Yearbook, Digital Arts)	01	$18,000/annum to $37,990/annum	Graduate from an Accredited College/University with B.A. in Education or Related Field	10/17/11
Accountant	02	$17,000/annum to $26,395/annum	Graduate from an Accredited College/University with B.S. in accounting plus 02 years exp. in accounting.	10/17/11
Systems Network Admin.	01	$18,000/annum to $28,080/annum	Graduate from an Accredited College/University with B.S. in Computer Science.	10/17/11
Maintenance	01	$12,360/annum to $23,878/annum	High School or Equivalent	10/17/11
School Principal (1st to 12th Grade)	01	$32,000/annum to $62,110/annum	Graduate from an Accredited College/University with M.A. in Education or Related Field.	10/17/11

Interested applicants may obtain a detailed job description with qualification requirements and application forms at Mount Carmel School Business Office from 08:00 am to 05:00 pm. Application forms can also be downloaded from the school's website at http://www.mtcarmel-edu.net. Required documents that must be attached to complete the application form: (1) official copy of diploma/degree or Official Transcripts; (2) FBI clearance (only required after an offer for employment is made or an employment contract is signed; (3) police clearance (from jurisdiction or residence within the last three (3) months; (4) resume; and (5) teaching certificate. Completed application and required documents may be submitted to Mount Carmel School, ATTN: Margaret C. DelaCruz, President, P.O. Box 500006, Saipan, MP 96950. Inquiries can be made by calling (670) 235-1251 or (670) 235-3187. Mount Carmel School is an equal opportunity employer.

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Island Trybe rocks crowd in 'Coming Home Tour'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Pacific Islands Club Pool Bar was teeming with mostly young aficionados of contemporary island music, making it the place to be on Saipan last Saturday for the United Nesia Fest Coming Home Tour.

Saturday's event was top-billed by Island Trybe, the Washington-based group that started in 1996 and comprised of B.O.I., Y.D., and Jay Sway and known for their tunes of combined hip-hop, reggae, and R&B sounds.

Homegrown talents that included Fatal Hitz, RoccJuan, Latte Vibes, and 6se7nh0 served as the front acts for the show that saw Island Trybe embracing their island lineage with pride.

Spectators enjoyed the show, described by many as a "good event with good music."

San Antonio resident Javiun Sablan said he looked forward to the performances not just of Island Trybe but also the group Latte Vibes, the members of which are his friends.

"The event lets the people loose. It's good. I hope there are more bands to come here, please," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

Sheyvonne Aldan said she and her friends went to the event to have fun. "I'm enjoying the music and I love the crowd. I wish there would be more events like this."

In an interview before their much-awaited performance, Island Trybe said they "appreciate the love" that the audience showed for them at their Coming Home Tour.

The trio said the concert is a "great tribute" for two of their members who passed away last year: Les'sonz, who died due to health reasons; and half-Chamorro Kuzzin Pizzo, who was involved in a fatal car accident.

CLARISSA V. DAVID
The Island Trybe before their performance at the United Nesia Fest Coming Home Tour at Pacific Islands Club Pool Bar last Saturday. From left, Y.D. (David Quitugua), Jay Sway, and B.O.I. (Matthew Quitugua).

"It feels good. Everybody in the CNMI is a 100 percent supportive of us. It's good to be back home," said B.O.I.

Brothers B.O.I. (real name Matthew Quitugua) and Y.D. (real name David Quitugua), who grew up in Tacoma, Washington, trace their island roots to Rota, Guam, and Palau. Jay Sway, on the other hand, is Filipino-Irish American.

B.O.I. said that most people have the impression that islanders raised in the mainland don't know about their roots.

"We do," he said. "We may not sound like we lived on the islands but we'll always have love for the island, the music."

Y.D. added, "We're proud to be Chamorro all day, every day… The islands have loved us so we got to always support the islands."

The trio, who listen to all kinds of music, revealed that their musical influences come from renowned artists such as Tupac Shakur, Bob Marley, and the Boo-Yaa T.R.I.B.E.

Island Trybe said they want to be known as the "feel-good people" with "real good, positive island, hip-hop, reggae, R&B" sounds.

The group has traveled to Oregon, Washington, California, and different parts of the U.S. to perform, with their biggest performance to date was at the annual Seattle Hempfest in front of a 200,000-audience. "We had the honor of performing there four years in a row," said B.O.I.

Island Trybe disclosed that they are currently working on their upcoming album, *Back for Seconds*. They said all their album titles are inspired by the "Chamorro barbecue" tradition. The first one was named *Marination* while the second was entitled *Fresh Off the Grill.*

The trio invited the public to purchase their music through their CD albums or iTunes. Their latest hit single and their most favorite, *Skankin'*, has been making waves in local radio stations.

Island Trybe advised all up-and-coming music groups from the CNMI to "keep it pushin'."

"You got to keep grinding," said Jay Sway. For Y.D., "Keep making good positive island music."

B.O.I. also recommended hip-hop groups to get themselves good DJs, just like how DJ Boboy and DJ Spin-a-track are to Island Trybe. "Without a DJ, it's a lot hard."

With the warm reception they received, Island Trybe said they are "definitely" coming back to the island "real soon."

The group left yesterday for Guam to perform at the Umatac fiesta.

Aging Center welcomes 10 *man'amko*

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REPORTER

The Office on Aging recently welcomed 10 new congregates who will be participating in programs and activities at the Aging Center.

They are Arsenio Alvarado, Mely Alvarado, Herman Faisao, Roger Hernandez, Vicente Laniyo, Leonides Marinas, Laura Marinas, Mely Molokai, Rudy Sablan, and Bernardo Sebangiol.

Aging coordinator Walter Manglona said they will bring the new congregates to a studio so they can have their profile photos taken and displayed at the center.

All active congregates have their profile photos displayed at the walls of the center to let guests know who are the senior citizens that take part and benefit from the center's programs.

Manglona said the profile photos of those congregates who become inactive at the center are taken down and kept locked up so they can easily bring them out "in case they come back again."

Saipan Seniors Advisory Council chair Teresita Sorroza said that while 10 new congregates have been welcomed, there are also 10 congregates who became inactive and whose pictures will be taken off from display.

"If they passed away, we will give their photos to the family," said Sorroza.

In related news, Manglona disclosed that the Office on Aging is currently updating information on the record files of all congregates at the center.

The program coordinator said they want to ensure that their records reflect a "more complete profile."

According to Manglona, they have the contact number to call for each congregate in case of emergency but "we don't know who to call."

Manglona said their records will be updated to show all congregates' contact persons in case of emergency and their relationship to the said congregate.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to Jun Cabrera. With lots of love from all your family.
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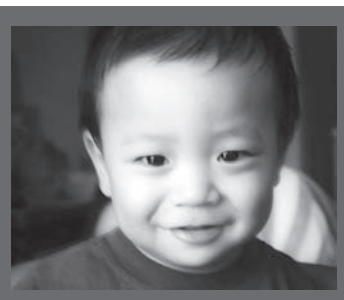

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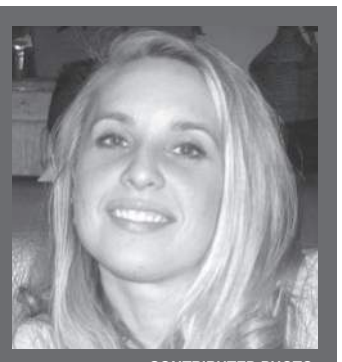
Happy second birthday to Ponciano Izeah E. Arceo. Wishing you many more birthdays to come. Greetings from your family and friends.



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Happy birthday to Sunshine Regis. We love you so much! Greetings from Mom and Dad.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 10, 2001

Senate recalls NMC funding bill
Due to technical deficiencies, the Senate has recalled from Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio a bill that would have set aside government money for selected programs at the Northern Marianas College. The Senate's action on House Bill 12-361 will further delay the allocation of funds into NMC programs that were primarily set up to promote and develop local talent in areas that are important to the long-term growth and stability of the Commonwealth. No reason was given for the recall of the bill, besides citing technical defects in the proposed measure. Earlier, the Senate had passed the bill on August 30, a mere 15 days after it sailed through the House of Representatives on a unanimous vote.

Hakubotan faces foreclosure
Three parcels of land leased by the second biggest duty-free shop on Saipan faces foreclosure after its creditor bank filed a complaint seeking such a relief before the court. The Bank of Guam filed the complaint before the CNMI Superior Court yesterday, seeking foreclosure against the Hakubotan duty-free shop but it was not clear at press time whether the three parcels of land refer to the property presently occupied by the shop. Bank of Guam lawyer Edward C. Arriola was reached for clarification, but he was not available yesterday afternoon. The size and location of the properties were not mentioned in the complaint.

Oct. 10, 2002

'Protect locally owned industry'
Instead of exerting unnecessary pressure on an industry built from long years of hard work by true-blooded locals, the CNMI community should shift its focus to protecting the Saipan Stevedore Company—an entrepreneurial success that the Commonwealth can genuinely call its own. This was the sentiment raised by acting House Speaker Manuel A. Tenorio yesterday amid the attacks hurled against the locally owned stevedoring business over its control on port terminal and stevedoring services in the CNMI. "I know this is very controversial because, first of all, maybe there are some outside interests trying to take over the port operation. But Saipan Stevedore is fully owned and operated by local individuals and has been in existence for many years. You can probably term this as a public service business," said Tenorio.

DOLI awards over $1,300 to employee
The Department of Labor and Immigration hearing office ordered that a nonresident worker be awarded more than $1,300 in lost wages. The amount, however, was a significant decrease from the complainant's original motion for reconsideration for a payback compensation amounting to over $7,000. Victoria Sergueeva asked DOLI to reconsider a May 16, 2002 administrative order and to award her $7,100 compensation for the period Feb. 15, 2001 to Jan. 10, 2002, "based on improper and wrongful termination" by her former employer. DOLI issued on May 16 an administrative order "in which it failed to award contract damages of lost wages" to the complainant.

Oct. 10, 2003

OPA warns vs politics in govt offices
The Office of the Public Auditor has received several requests to investigate political activities that are allegedly taking place in government workplaces. This has prompted Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan to issue a memorandum reminding all public officials and employees to restrict themselves from engaging in political activities in the workplace as this violates the Ethics Code and election laws. Public officials, as defined in the Code, include elected officials and members of boards, task forces, and commissions. "The purpose of [that] memorandum is to remind all public officials and employees of the restrictions on political activity in the workplace. pursuant to the Ethics Code Act and other CNMI laws applicable to government employees," Sablan said in the recent memorandum.

CUC pays over $7K for water tests
The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has hired the services of private firm Water Quality Inc. to conduct tests on its drinking water for two months, at a cost of $7,200. The agreement calls for a $45 per water test, which, according to CUC, is $5 lower than the Division of Environmental Quality's sampling rate. Under the agreement, WQI will perform 80 samples a month for CUC for two months at $45 per test. CUC spokesperson Pamela Mathis said this price may still go down as CUC is currently negotiating with WQI toward that end.

GOVENDO RULING ON PL 17-51:

'A victory for NMI retirees'

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The lawyer of CNMI retirees who filed a lawsuit against the NMI Retirement Fund board and its former investment consultant, Merrill Lynch, welcomed the decision issued by the court Friday that denied the temporary restraining order filed by the pension program on the implementation of beneficiaries derivative act.

This is the case where the Fund asked the court to enjoin the implementation of P.L. 17-51 arguing that it unconstitutionally interfered with the Retirement Fund's contracts. P.L. 17-51 is designed to allow retirees to take legal action on behalf of the Fund, and in the name of the Fund, at no expense to the Fund when the Fund's board refuses to act.

Attorney Bob O'Connor, of O'Connor Bermn Dotts & Banes, described associate judge Kenneth Govendo's ruling as a victory for retirees.

"I can say this is a victory for CNMI retirees and we are very pleased. Judge Govendo ruled that P.L. 17-51 actually increases the rights and remedies available to the Fund and beneficiaries, exactly as we have always maintained. He also held that the Fund suffered no harm from the enactment of P.L. 17-51 which he held was constitutional and does not interfere with existing contracts," O'Connor told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Fund, upon signing into law of the beneficiaries' derivative act on Sept. 5, asked the court to stop its enforcement citing the law was unconstitutional and will bring more chaos to the already dying pension plan.

To date, the Fund has received six notices of termination of contracts from its service providers including its new investment consultant Wilshire Associates, actuarial adviser Buck Consultants, and four other money managers. Friday was the effective date of Wilshire's termination of its contract. It earlier disclosed that a TRO or a repeal of the law could only convince it to stay and serve the Fund.

According to O'Connor, the law is obviously in the public interest and the interest of the Commonwealth's retirees and the decision serves as a message to the program's administrator.

"This decision is a message to the Retirement Fund: you should start acting in the best interests of its retirees for a change."

He said that while the Fund Board had argued this law interfered with its contracts, he said the court found that the law only had "temporary" and "incidental" effects on their contracts and the climate the board operates in.

"The board claimed this law would make it more difficult for it to find a money manager, but the court saw through that when it noted the Fund had made absolutely no attempts to find a new money manager," he said, adding that he can find them 10 reputable money managers next week if the Fund asks him to.

The Retirement Fund, he said, should never have opposed this act in the Legislature or in the courts. "It makes you wonder what they are hiding. Why would the trustees of the Fund be fearful of retirees being able to bring actions on behalf of the Fund, with no expense to the Fund? Their opposition to the act and their attacks in court against it has never made any sense, to paraphrase a former U.S. senator, the Fund's position on this law is the most unheard of thing I have ever heard of," added the lawyer.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI
ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: September 2, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands:

- The initial Scope-of-Work and Proposal Solicitation Notice for CUC-RFP-11-048 has been amended. All registered prospective Offerors will be provided with a complete copy of the amended Scope-of-Work & Proposal Solicitation Notice;
- The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from September 6, 2011 to November 15, 2011;
- The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to November 1, 2011.

Stage 1, Geothermal Gradient Project

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to collect and evaluate scientific data to better determine the potential for development of geothermal energy on Saipan. Available information suggests that the geothermal gradient beneath Saipan may be sufficiently steep to develop geothermal energy to generate electricity.

The technical complexity of the Project and the need to collect and evaluate extensive data will require the successful Proposer to provide the expertise from various professional disciplines, conduct exploratory drilling, and provide equipment and materials necessary to complete the Scope of Work.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original, Six (6) copies, and one (1) digitized version (PDF) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048 "Saipan Geothermal Development Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **November 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Dr. James Quick, CNMI Energy Advisor and Consultant via email address jquick@smu.edu. ; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director -Power via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

CNMI Water Task Force
ITB 11-GOV- 141

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting Sealed Bids from qualified individuals or firms for the procurement of the supply and delivery of various materials for use in the optimization of the water wellheads on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bidders must bid on all items. A contract will be awarded to one supplier for all bid items

The procurement specifications and special terms and conditions will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan on or after **September 19, 2011**.

Any questions regarding this Invitation for Bids should be addressed to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, CNMI Water Task Force at (670) 664-2285, or via facsimile at (670) 664-2279 before **October 3, 2011.**

Sealed Bids must be marked "**Supply of Wellhead Materials**", **ITB11-GOV- 141.** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, October 18, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days of receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, October 18, 2011** and must be transmitted via facsimile to **(670) 664-1515** or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service no later than **October 18, 2011** AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than **October 27, 2011**.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **2:00 p.m., local time, October 28, 2011**. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, the bids will be opened at **2:00 p.m., local time, October 19, 2011.**

Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs. Award of a contract is contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive any imperfection in a proposal in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All Proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2011-CDA-06-RFP

LOAN UNDERWRITER

PROPOSAL DEADLINE EXTENSION

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds in the amount of $13,168,350 for the Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty Programs. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to $5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base or on CDA's website at www.cda.gov.mp. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan MP 96950 no later than 10:00 a.m., October 12, 2011. Envelopes must be labeled "2011-CDA-06-RFP".

Respectfully

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Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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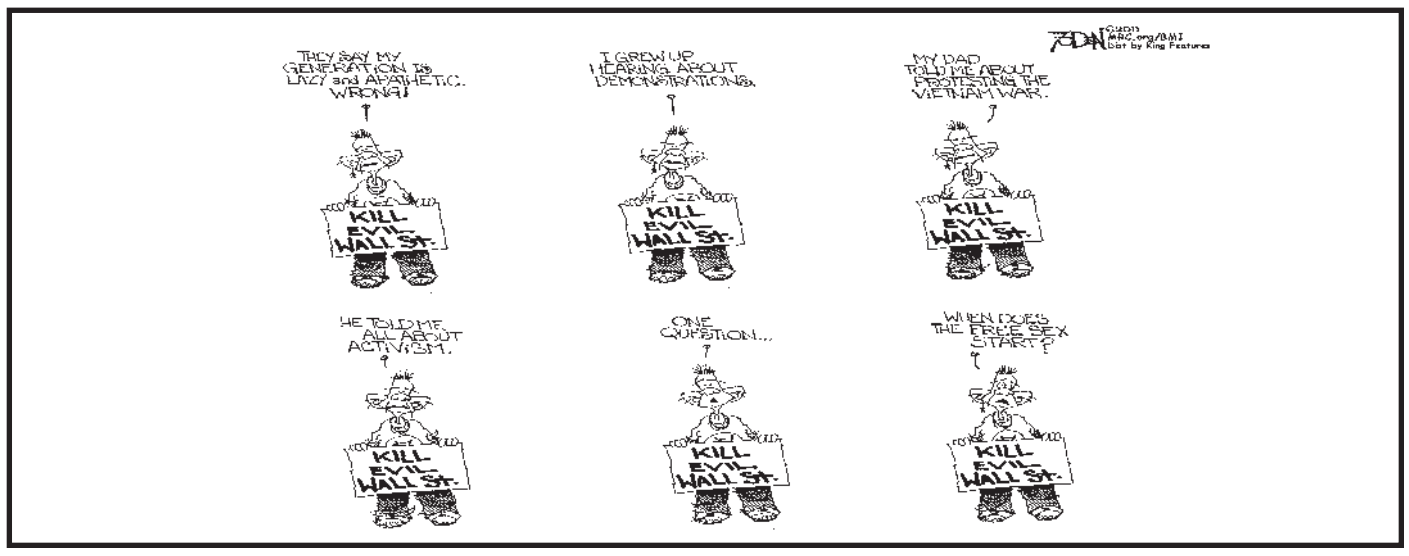
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EDITORIAL

Capitol Hill's political impasse on jobs

The Labor Department released another lackluster jobs report Friday, announcing that the unemployment rate remained at 9.1% last month even though private employers added 137,000 positions. That's five months now with roughly 14 million Americans out of work and another 9 million part-time employees unable to find full-time jobs. Meanwhile, Congress teeters from one near-shutdown to the next as lawmakers posture to avoid blame for the sputtering economy.

A good illustration of Congress' dysfunction is its response to President Obama's $447-billion jobs bill. The measure — a combination of tax breaks, infrastructure projects, aid to state and local governments and benefits for the unemployed — isn't perfect, but it's a perfectly good place to start the debate over how to spur economic activity and keep the country from sliding into another recession. Yet despite the urgency of the situation, neither the bill nor any of its parts has been brought up for a vote anywhere on Capitol Hill.

The main hurdle is the ideological gulf dividing Democrats, who want Washington to try to stimulate the economy, and Republicans, who want to reduce Washington's influence over it. Nevertheless, there are elements of Obama's plan that fit both parties' philosophies, as House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) has noted. Rather than enacting those pieces, however, they seem more interested in positioning themselves for next year's campaign, which is sure to be another referendum on the economy

This week the Senate engaged in a particularly cynical bit of political gamesmanship as Republicans tried to force a vote on the president's jobs bill — not because they supported it, but because they knew several Democrats were leery of the tax hikes Obama has proposed to cover the bill's cost over the long term. The move shifted the focus of the debate from how to create jobs — something everyone wants to do — to the tax increases Democrats would impose to pay for that effort, a politically treacherous topic. It's a trap Democrats can't seem to stop themselves from walking into.

Senate Democrats will eventually unite behind some version of Obama's proposal, and Senate Republicans will filibuster it. If by some miracle the plan gets through the Senate, Cantor has made it clear that the House will not take up the full package — the spending proposals in it are a nonstarter with House Republicans. So the Senate is essentially going through the motions just so each party can try to make the other look obstructionist.

There's still a chance that the special congressional "super committee" working on a major deficit-reduction plan could include in it some provisions to help the economy now, such as an overhaul that dramatically simplifies the tax code. But that seems too much to hope for from a Congress that can barely manage to keep the lights on. Trying to combat joblessness is tricky enough even without a divided government because there's no surefire way to generate growth. But with 23 million Americans looking in vain for full-time jobs, unemployment is the single biggest problem of the day. Putting people back to work is crucial to almost anything else Congress wants to accomplish, from ending the foreclosure crisis to balancing the budget. Whether or not lawmakers agree with Obama's plan, at least he came up with one. It's time to stop playing politics with it and start legislating.

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Creating work and circulating the money in the CNMI

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Here I go again. This morning let's discuss another crazy idea of mine which may just help give employment to many of our local citizens while rebuilding our islands. What if the government were to go into a frenzy of rebuilding our shabby infrastructure using only U.S. citizens?

The United States government has generously given us a huge amount of money in the form of ARRA funds. Think of all the work opportunities it can create. The local people could be put work, and all the money would remain here and circulate which would greatly boost our economy. Here is the plan.

Basically, infrastructure is the system of public works of a country, state, or region and the resources as personnel, buildings, or equipment required for an activity. Infrastructure includes constructing roads, government buildings, landscaping, sewer lines, painting, and many other local projects.

Much of our infrastructure on Saipan, as well as in Tinian and Rota, is badly deteriorated or is none existent. Now that we have millions of ARRA dollars, think how the following suggestion could work on improving our infrastructure while putting hundreds of our own people to work. This plan will also keep all the money in the CNMI for circulation. How do we do this?

Let's discuss a similar method that former President Roosevelt created in 1935. He created an agency called Works Progress Administration which employed millions of unskilled workers to carry out public works projects. These included construction of government buildings, roads and many other projects. It provided jobs and income to millions of unemployed during the Great Depression. Isn't this exactly what the ARRA funds should be doing?

My plan is that the government, instead of bidding out construction work to private companies who employ only nonresident workers, give the work to companies composed of only local workers. It could share the projects like major road building with some of the larger construction companies. But there so many smaller projects that need working on which could be easily given to local workers who may have little skill.

For example, many roads show wear and tear from use. Give these projects to local only workers. Have them trim trees which over hang wires. I recall a company in Hawaii called Trees of Hawaii which did exactly only that work. Clean and paint government buildings. Repair schools and their grounds. Think of some other work our local citizens could do if motivated and prodded by the government to do the work using the ARRA dollars.

Painting jobs of many projects could be given to local workers. Sandblasting dirty government buildings is another type of project that could be undertaken by local workers. Repairing leaking water mains and sewer lines. The list goes on. If I recall ARRA funds have also helped the PSS by allowing it to hire or keep much needed teachers.

There are numerous ways to utilize this important and huge amount of grant money. Why aren't we exploring this avenue of using the money by using local labor whether unskilled or skilled? We have enough local skilled engineers and supervisors who can easily supervise the unskilled labor.

The Legislature instead keeps talking about cutting hours, austerity methods and other ways to cut costs. But little discussion is heard about increasing our income or at least giving more work to our own people. I realize that my discussion will receive some negative remarks because they seem to be anti-non-resident workers.

That is not the case. I fully believe that there is more than enough work available for everybody including non-resident and local workers. But we have to create it and want to do it. Meanwhile our food stamp lineup is about 10,000 of our citizens and growing.

Farming is another major opportunity and can become the second income producing industry in the CNMI next only to tourism. Only a few of us are lone voices wailing this message in the wilderness. Who is listening? Yet we have the capacity to produce thousands of pounds of fruits and vegetable monthly, but we insist on importing most of our fruits and vegetable instead and export money to pay for them. The same can be said about fish which are bountiful close to shore. The excess amount can also be exported.

Wow! It just boggles the mind when I think of all the potentials we have right under our feet. Yes, acres of diamonds and we cannot see them!

Another thought that I have been discussing with several Legislators is to introduce a bill to place an import duty on items that we can produce locally. Not only will it motivate our own producers, but the added import duty will go to the general fund and used for general operations. The bill will not restrict imported products. But the importer must pay an added duty. And the consumer can still purchase it if he wishes. Isn't this better that increasing personal income taxes on money which we don't have? Think about it the incentive for our local producers to produce. And the money stays here.

We cannot keep talking about cutting and cutting costs only. In business one learns quickly that to stay solvent, one must both increase income while decreasing costs. Both must be implemented. So it is in our society. Government must cut costs but at the same time must create work especially when the money granted to us is for just that. Why do we keep giving all the work opportunities to others instead of to the local citizens? Can't we feel the pain and hunger that is gripping us? We must change our thinking.

To understand what has happened to our islands we need to take a drive through some of the villages. We will see abandoned houses, other

houses unpainted with unkempt yards. We have no money to maintain them. So many of us are feeling a real crunch just to buy basic necessities. Meanwhile our utility bills are suffocating us. But who cares?

What has happened to our human rights to work? Does anyone in power care? When we cannot meet our basic needs we fail as a society. Economic and social rights guarantee that every person be afforded work under which they are able to meet their basic needs in particular economic and social. When any government fails to do that it creates an injustice to citizens.

Since the U. S. government has been giving us huge funds to create work for our citizens, why is it not being funneled where it is most needed? As an extreme example: let us look at the widening of the road leading from San Vicente to Capitol Hill. It has been going on for over a year and has cost already a huge amount of money. But is there one local worker there earning a decent wage? Yet all that money comes from ARRA funds and is quickly remitted abroad each payday. Meanwhile every month more and more local citizens line up for food stamps in the midst of what could be an opportunity of work. How do we explain this?

While many of us feel that the private sector is the one that should create jobs. It does and should. But when it comes to improving the infrastructure which is paid from ARRA funds given to us by the United States for creating jobs, then the local government must provide specialized services to assist and support individuals in order to identify and find available employment. While I truly appreciate the

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Panda-monium on 10.10

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Sichuan visitors visit the Chengdu Research Base of Panda Breeding more than the varied gastronomic offerings of the province in the city it is named after. The spicy Sichuan cuisine's worldwide reputation cannot match the visitors' desire to see the cuddly bears, now in protective custody numbering more than a hundred. Sixteen cubs were displayed February last year; 12 recently born cubs were in sight the last seven-days of China's national holiday.

It is, perhaps, a measure of the awareness of the New China (Xinhua) that last week's visitors to the research station were overwhelmingly local. All told, 10,000 visitors went through the till daily from all over the country. It normally accommodates from 2,000 to 3,000 on a normal day.

Today, Xinhua commemorates the centennial of the Xinhai (1911 in the 60-cycle Chinese calendar) Revolution that propelled it into the global stage. It was by the Yangtze River (aka Chiang Jiang) in Wuchang that reformist in the Qing dynasty tried to establish a modern armament industry for a New Army.

It was too late. German's were already drinking beer in Wuhan, and the Bund park in Shanghai was reportedly off limits to dogs and Chinese! Imperial powers including Nippon were already carving out Napoleon's sleeping Tiger with the French themselves encroaching from Yue Nan (Vietnam).

The nationalist Sun Yat Sen of the Tongmenghui (Chinese Revolutionary Alliance) was at the time promoting new thinking, influencing the junior officers of the new army to forego the more than 2,000 years of imperial feudal system and replace it with republican notions (res publica, public ownership of properties) that swept the American revolution ("certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness) and the French Fourth Republic's virtues of equalite, egalite, fraternite.

An accidental explosion occurred while the cadets were producing bombs for a projected insurrection scheduled for October 10 but the provincial authorities failed to react quickly and decisively; reformist soldiers proceeded with the uprising that got southern provinces to declare independence from imperial Beijing, led to the Manchu throne abdication and the eventual end of China's dynastic reign.

Revolutions are never cleanly planned as they are weirdly bungled into, and the image of the Red Guard raised fists quoting Chairman Mao Zedong's sayings and singing the East is Red that has alarmed western minds and teased the exuberance of its youth, has since been replaced by the picture of the Pandas frolicking in Washington's national zoo that followed the incidental ping-pong diplomacy.

To no small measure from recently departed Apple's Steve Jobs genius in digital graphics did the picture of the animated Kung Fu Panda come to the global imagination. Intended as a parody of a bumbling humanoid named Po, the clumsy and rotund noodle cook who longed to be a Kung Fu master propels himself by fireworks to an arena where he is surprisingly fingered as a "chosen one". His tenacity, culinary skill and good humor endears him to his detractors, and has DreamWorks/Paramount Pictures laughing their way to the bank.

The world today looks at the New China as a financial Kung Fu master expected to bail out all kinds of national economies in rapid decline from naive, corrupt, gratuitous and criminal indiscretions. The practical Premier Hu Jintao and President Wen Jiabao steer the course of the State, but the great Panda forest of Zhongguo itself is not devoid of the illusion that bedevils the global economic basis: the reliance on the numerical paper value of assets that is the result of speculation and phantom valuation.

Satellite photos of "ghost cities" in China emerged last year; 64 million unoccupied units are in the market, carried in ledgers as assets though non-performing. China's skyline is dotted with unfinished construction. The real estate bubble would have burst with the rest of the free market economies were it not for a centralized governance that countered with massive government expenditures to fuel the local economy.

The ¥rmb has already appreciated by 7 percent to the U$ dollar this year, and Proctor and Gamble does not hesitate to raise its prices in a domestic market that buys its toothpastes, has Bud as the best selling beer, and Tide as the detergent of choice. Only $4 of the $284 China-assembled Apple iPod is retained in country. The global economy in recession is on paper, and nations dependent on financial incomes are the hardest hit.

As Main Street paid for Wall Streets indiscretions, China's street market is paying for the greed and ostentatious wealth of the bourses and the indexes that bank the government's securities and bonds. The burst of a real estate bubble is more devastating than any typhoon, tremor, tsunami, or tornado anywhere in the world. Kung Fu Panda Po's agile footwork is called upon as the U.S. blame game is heating up this election year on China's doorsteps.

Time to launch the Xinmou (2011) Revolution!

Mantene fitme tradision natibu

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I tradision yan kutturata kulan un' guihan. Gai dadalag, tatautau yan ulu. I dadalag guiya i finaposta desde antigu na tiempu, i tatautau 'nai man-gaige hit pagu kumu pisu ni ta hatsa yan tana' fitme ginen finaposta, yan ulu ni ta u'usa' para talie' mona karerata gi halom modetnu na linala'ta.

Para un' tuñgu' para manu hau, debi u fitme kinemprendemu ginen manu hau mage. Gi hilu' fitme na onru gi tradision yan kutturamu 'nai libre hau kumayun chachalan-mu mona kontodu sumen potput na halom tanu'.

Ta onra i rikesan guelu gi kada biahe 'nai ta pega gi apaga'ta i achon chechu' linahyan pot para tana' fan libre tautauta ginen fuetsau na modun linala' esklablu ni finañagu ni baban ekonomiata pagu. Estague' i dichu chechu' yan obligasion kabeyerus pagu.

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Naftan Chat-disision

Todu dos banderan politika umamanag amanu i siña para u konbinse i botadot na i planuña i paire. I programan man-ritirau ma-usa kumu katnada. Todu klasen trompison mapega halom gi hilu este na intension.

Mauleg buente na intension lau ni unu umestudiaye hafa tinateña i mampos geftau na programa. Deste fondu para manhatsan guma' ni mapunu' dispues, mana' fan halom kontodu i ti mañaunau gi kontribusion, trenta pot sientu gi sueddu para i rumitirague' taftaf; $9 miyon ma-ayau para fasilidat justisia, yan tres pot sientu na subre para i membron lehislatura kada sakan; yan otru siha trompison.

Gi mismu tiempu, diniñgu fuetsan gobietnu muna' halom ni obligasioña. Na fan daña todus este siha na diskuidu sa' siempre todus man-ritirau yan membro fumafana' un' sumen taduñg na naftan chat-disision. Ni achogha' ta upus i lañget yan sasalaguan, tat seguru na guaha antau na satbasion.

Dispues, yangin masusede na taya' pagamienton man-ritirau, kumeke ilegña na pininu' lokue' appottunidat niha assistimienton hinemlu' sa' matai lokue' inyun niha health insurance. De dios na linau este na mamamaila'.

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Finapos dos amku'

Umasoda' dos amku', un' bihu yan biha, gi kanton tasi 'nai mamomokat separau pot para u estira i gigat ni esta kumeke fañague'.

Respetau felisitasion yan konbetsasion niha. Kada unu ha sañgan dibuenamente hafa sessu bidadaña na tiempu. Parehu felis lamayotmente finapos famaguon niha.

Kontodu mumon layu' bihu maplanta sin binibu 'sino betgansa.

Ti mattu i bihu mamokat un' minachom atdau. Sige i amku' ha konsidera kau malañgu pat hafa chinatsagaña. Ti apmam, sumugu' i hagaña para u sinañgane na guiya muna' para mattu si tataña pot esta ha malefa. Era, gi dos tres dias malofan ti ha soda' chalaña tatte gi gima.

Un' dia gi biradaña ginen kattan, kulan ha lie' mona i gachoñgña mamomokat. Hanae' animu para u kegachae'. Lau mientras mas ha hagu' pasuña, mas lokue' chumagu' i bihu. Dispues maliñgu gi halom lemlim tautau.

Matachoñg i biha sa' kulan yayas ya ilegña na buente esta madispone i amiguña. Mattu talu i hagan i bihu ya sinañgane na mas malañgu si tataña ya debi u pega gi gima.

Mamatinas i biha atulin harina yan kaddon manog fresku (un' punidera ni mañañada') ya hana' machulie'. Misin ñaihon lago'ña 'nai ha hahassu i amiguña.

Dispensayu'. Finatinas-hu ha' este na estoria 'nos pot taya' para bai' tuge'. Lau 'nai esta sessu hit man-uguñg pot idat yan maliñgun hagas fuetsan sinsenta yan kalun koyentura, mauleg tanae' animu yan tinayuyot para i tetehnan haaninta. Si Yuus u bendise hit todus yan famliata. Si JR.

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Esta man-yayas i hagas kabayeros siha ni man-gaige pagu kumu kapitan i gobietnamenton iya Marianas. Guaha fayen baba sa' hayuña mañogne otru lau guiya i trampusau yan kabronau kumu tatan i tanu'. Guaha mampos mefnu' na esta ha dodobla hila'ña 'an umadiñgan. Gi katkuet manera, maliñgu esta i konfiansan i tautau gi abilidat niha mumaheha asuntun linahyan. Taya' fafattaa, fuera de "biba", i para tanae' siha settifikun bien felis gi tinilaikan haanen niha. Siempre tafan parehu manohge gi parehu na plaset.

Letters to the Editor

Commendable job

The news that the Saipan Mayor's office has tagged and licensed some 1,165 dogs so far is commendable. With a fee of $10 per dog, the Mayor's Office collected $11,650. If the tagged dogs represent 10 percent of all dogs on Saipan, then that means that the total dogs population is 11,650 (1,165/.10). Since, 1,165 has been tagged, the mayor's office is a long shot to capturing and licensing the remaining about 10,500 stray dogs. It is surprising we have some 12,000 dogs in Saipan. Do we tag and license cats as well? It appears that the mayor's office is just starting a snail pace to what looks like a never ending journey ahead for the control of unmanaged growth of domesticated animals in Saipan. And, we are not talking, just yet, about backyard husbandry of chickens, pigs, ducks, and other animals that do cause serious public health concern to people. Do we have to turn to drastic measures other than the conventional ways of spaying or castration to animals as an option to this problem? Otherwise, the mayor's office is going to be forever inundated with this problem with no quick resolve than to humanely put these unwanted animals to sleep.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa

Please sign White House petition to protect sharks

Earlier this year the Northern Mariana Islands kicked off a global rush of shark conservation by banning the sale, trade, and possession of shark fin. Since the day Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed Public Law 17-27 into law, leaders in Guam, Honduras, The Bahamas, Chile, Tokelau, and the Marshall Islands have passed shark conservation measures. Additionally, Fitial championed the declaration of the Micronesia Regional Shark Sanctuary, the first multi-jurisdictional shark sanctuary in the world.

I started a petition on the White House's We The People website asking the Obama Administration to "ban the sale, trade, and possession of shark and shark products, including shark fin." The petition needs about 1600 more signatures for the Administration to issue an official response. Please take a few moments to sign.

The petition can be found online at: www.wh.gov/gWs.

The Northern Marianas is a global leader in marine and shark conservation. Like the students from San Vicente elementary who helped support the passage of our shark protections, these protections should spread from island to island, from country to country. The United States should be the next country to protect sharks.

Angelo Villagomez
Washington, D.C.

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dedicated hard work being done by our non-resident workers, we must consider our own local resident workers first.

Hopefully I will have stimulated some serious thinking about creating work for our citizens. Perhaps some of us will have better ideas than what I presented above. But the bottom line must be to create work for our local people. This must come first or we will keep becoming more and more depressed.

Please seriously consider the above. Let's find ways to remedy the situation before we become morally and economically bankrupt. We must create jobs and keep the money here.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

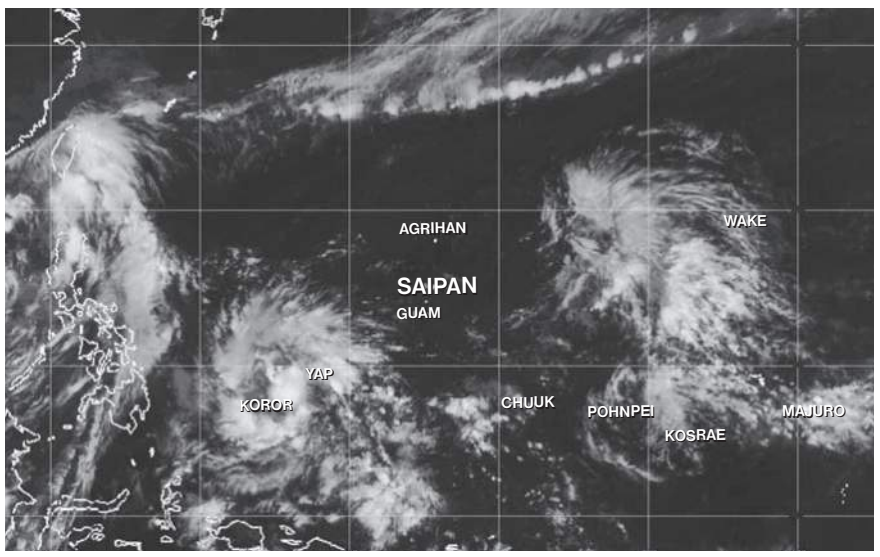
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
Palau	Rain	▲86	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲82	▼75
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼75
Kosrae	Rainy	▲85	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲83	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲62	▼61
Beijing	Showers	▲65	▼54
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼78
London	Showers	▲66	▼60
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲77	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Melbourne	Showers	▲63	▼53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲83	▼76
New York	Sunny	▲82	▼61
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼63
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼60
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼63
Rome	Windy	▲73	▼58
Salem	Showers	▲62	▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼56
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼62
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲79	▼59

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough stretches southward from 13N139E to a circulation centered southeast of Yap at 7N139E to end at EQ138E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring over Yap and Koror within 150 miles of a line from 14N138E to 5N136E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found southeast of Koror between 5N and the equator from 135E to 141E and southeast of Yap between 10N and 3N from 142E to 148E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 7N160E to 7N168E. An upper-level low centered well east of the Marianas at 19N155E is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest of Wake Island within 170 miles of a line from 14N158E to 18N164E. A surface trough extends southwestward from 15N158E to 10N162E. Scattered showers are located north of Chuuk between 13N and 10N from 152E to 158E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Majuro between 8N and 5N from 178E to 180. A shear line runs southwestward from near Iwo To island at 25N140E to beyond 130E at 23N. Isolated thunderstorms are found along and and up to 120 miles north of this feature.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
6:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
12:42 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
6:35 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:40 PM	4:24 AM
Tuesday	5:17 PM	5:10 AM
Wednesday	5:54 PM	5:57 AM
Thursday	6:33 PM	6:45 AM
Friday	7:15 PM	7:34 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Business

Economy adds 103,000 jobs, but it's not enough

WASHINGTON (AP)—The jobs crisis isn't getting worse. But it isn't getting much better, either.

The economy added just enough jobs last month to ease fears of a new recession. But hiring is still too weak to bring down unemployment, which has been stuck at about 9 percent for more than two years.

The nation added 103,000 jobs in September, an improvement from the month before, the Labor Department said Friday. But the total includes 45,000 Verizon workers who were rehired after going on strike and were counted as job gains.

Even counting those workers, the job gains weren't enough to get the economy going. It takes about 125,000 jobs a month just to keep up with population growth. For September, the unemployment rate stayed stuck at 9.1 percent.

AP

In this Oct. 4, 2011 photo, mechanic Ray Duran changes oil in a car at a Shell station in Los Angeles. Employers added 103,000 jobs in September, a modest burst of hiring after a sluggish summer.

"Well, the sky is not falling just yet," Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, said in a note to clients. But there was nothing great about the report, he added. "It's incredible how low our sights have been set."

On one hand, the unemployment report was encouraging for economists. Some of them had feared the nation would lose jobs in September, raising the risk of a painful second recession.

But everyday Americans can't take much solace from it, either. The Great Recession has been over for almost two and a half years, and while corporate profits and the stock market have bounced back in that time, unemployment is still high. There are 14 million people counted as unemployed in the United States. An additional 9.3 million are working part time and would rather work full time. And 2.5 million more have simply given up looking for a job.

The Labor Department said the economy added more jobs than first estimated in July and August. The government's first reading had said the economy added zero jobs in August.

While the report was clearly better than feared, it also showed the economy is not gaining much momentum, said Tom Porcelli, chief U.S. economist at RBC Capital Markets.

"It moves you away from the ledge," he said.

It was also discouraging news for President Barack Obama, who will almost certainly have to wage his 2012 campaign under the highest unemployment of any president running for reelection since World War II.

Gene Sperling, a White House economic adviser, said the administration was "slightly comforted" that the jobs figure came in better than expected. But he said it was not good enough.

Obama, adopting a combative tone as he waits for the Republicans to settle on a nominee to oppose him, has challenged Congress to get behind his $447 billion jobs bill or risk being run out of Washington.

The Obama plan aims to jolt the economy by cutting taxes and increasing spending on schools, roads and other public projects. He has proposed paying for it in part by raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations.

Obama's Republican rivals are trying to persuade voters that he is to blame for high unemployment and the sluggish economy. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney told Fox News Channel on Friday that Obama is criticizing Congress simply because he is "looking for someone to blame."

The report initially sent the stock market higher. Stock prices later fell after a credit rating agency downgraded Italy and Spain, adding to concern about Europe's debt crisis. The Dow Jones industrial average was flat in afternoon trading.

The figures offered some evidence that business activity is increasing. The temporary help industry added almost 20,000 jobs. And the average workweek lengthened slightly. Wages also rose a bit.

More hiring and better pay could boost consumer spending, which drives about 70 percent of the economy. When people spend more, it generates demand for businesses, which then step up hiring.

The private sector added 137,000 jobs, up from August but below July's revised total. Governments shed 34,000 jobs. The cuts came mainly from local governments, which laid off teachers and other school employees.

State and local governments usually add jobs during economic recoveries. This time, they have cut more than a half-million jobs since the recession ended in June 2009. Without those cuts, overall job growth would be much healthier.

For Greeks, future is a void

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—To find symbolism in the Greek financial crisis, just go to the source. The national image on the two-euro coin in Greece depicts an ancient myth about the abduction of Europa, a Phoenician princess, by Zeus, the king of the gods in the form of a bull.

The saga known as the "Rape of Europa," whose protagonist rides the bull's back in an image reproduced by artists over the centuries, mirrors the turbulent journey of Greece and the rest of Europe, hitched together in an agonizing spiral that seems to go on and on and on.

The crude parallel ends there, however—Zeus turned into a human, had his way with Europa, and she bore him children. The last chapter in modern Greece, meanwhile, is still blank. Will there be a debt default, with its ominous implications for the global economy? How long will Greeks endure the erosion of what was a good life?

The future is a void, and anger and helplessness dig deep in the Greek psyche. Joblessness is climbing and essential services such as health care and policing are losing resources.

The crisis may pale beside the bloody conflict or poverty in Libya or Afghanistan, but the hardship is as much psychological as economic. It is the shock of undercut expectations, the loss of benefits and prospects once taken for granted as part of the European contract.

The mood now resembles the plot of "Groundhog Day," a 1993 movie about a man who wakes up to the same day over and over again.

"We don't see how we can escape from this problem," said Kostas Theofanides, engineering manager for British Petroleum in Greece. He spoke Thursday evening at a resort hotel on the Athenian coast, where Greek and German business executives, nametags on their suits, mingled during a forum that hummed with talk of investing in a country on the edge.

Greeks, whose previous governments were accused of hiding the extent of the country's ballooning budget deficit, now talk with withering honesty about their problems. Even at investment forums. Theofanides said his compatriots are angry, unsafe and depressed, and wonder how long they have to put up their daily stew of taxes, austerity, unemployment and general uncertainty.

He ticked off the possibilities: Two years? Three years? Ten years, 25 years? Who knows.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cash back rewards stand out in latest card offers

NEW YORK (AP)—Cash is king when it comes to credit card rewards these days. More banks are venturing where once only Discover tread, by offering credit cards with cash back as a reward. The trend reflects fierce competition for customers with high credit scores, and an effort by banks to push existing customers back to using credit cards instead of debit cards in the face of new regulations. The new cash-back cards often come with complex formulas that tier how much customers can earn, based on specific types of spending.

Hertz suspends 34 Muslim drivers in prayer dispute

SEATTLE (AP)—Thirty-four Muslim drivers for Hertz claimed they were suspended for praying during work hours, but the company contended they were reprimanded for abusing break times. Backed by their union, the drivers protested Wednesday outside the Hertz counter at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, where they are based. "This is an outrageous assault on the rights of these workers and appears to be discriminatory based on their religious beliefs," Tracey A. Thompson, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 117, said in a statement.

UAW summons leaders; may signal Chrysler deal

DETROIT (AP)—The United Auto Workers has asked local union leaders from Chrysler factories to meet in Detroit, normally a sign the union has agreed to a new contract with an automaker. UAW spokeswoman Michele Martin confirmed that union leaders will meet on Monday. She said negotiations for a labor contract between the union and carmaker are continuing to make progress but no deal has been reached. Chrysler spokeswoman Jodi Tinson said Saturday that bargaining would continue through the weekend.

Czechs bet heavily on nuclear power

DUKOVANY NUCLEAR PLANT, Czech Republic (AP)—Surrounded by corn fields, bicycle routes and a nature reserve, the eight huge cooling towers of the Dukovany nuclear power plant have dominated the Czech countryside near the Austrian border for almost three decades.

Against the odds, the government has worked to keep it that way for many years to come.

Defying growing global skepticism over the use of atomic energy, it is planning to dramatically increase the country's nuclear power production—a move that would give the country a place among Europe's most nuclear-dependent nations.

The Czech plan reflects a sharp division over nuclear use among European nations, and relations with neighboring countries that have decided to go nuclear free could be seriously harmed.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's government decided to phase out nuclear energy by 2022 following the March meltdown at Japan's Fukushima plant, and Switzerland has followed suit. Austria abandoned nuclear energy after the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster and strictly opposes the Czech nuclear program.

Other former Soviet bloc nations, now in the EU, are following the Czechs' lead on nuclear power—reflecting diverging economic needs between east and west.

Slovakia is currently building more nuclear facilities. And Poland has engaged in talks with French, U.S. and Japanese firms about know-how and technology for its first nuclear installation to be completed by 2030.

The Czechs argue nuclear energy is needed because it is a clean and cost efficient source.

They currently rely on six nuclear reactors—four 440-megawatt reactors in Dukovany and two 1,000-megawatt reactors at another plant in Temelin located an hour's drive north of the Austrian border—for 33 percent of their total electricity. The government hopes to at least double that output.

"We consider increasing electricity production in nuclear plants from some 30 percent to about 60 percent by 2050," Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Tomas Huner told the Associated Press.

"We have been mining uranium and there's no doubt nuclear energy is irreplaceable for us in the long term," said Huner, whose ministry has to present the new energy overhaul for the next 50 years to the government by year's end.

A trio of big players—U.S.-based Westinghouse Electric Co., a subsidiary of Japan's Toshiba Corp., France's state-owned nuclear engineering giant Areva SA and a consortium led by Russia's Atomstroyexport—are already bidding to win a lucrative multibillion tender to build two more reactors at the Temelin plant. The reactors are expected to be operational in the middle of the next decade.

Nation

Protesters want world to know they're just like us

NEW YORK (AP)—As other protesters chanted vigorously around her, Nancy Pi-Sunyer stood off to the side at the Occupy Wall Street rally, clutching her sign, looking a little like a new teacher on the first day of school.

In a way, she was: At 66, this retired teacher was joining a protest for the first time in her life.

"I was too young for the civil rights movement," Pi-Sunyer said earlier this week as she joined thousands of protesters marching in lower Manhattan. "And during the Vietnam War, I was too serious a student. Now, I just want to stand up and have my voice be heard."

As the protests have expanded and gained support from new sources, what began three weeks ago as a group of mostly young people camping out on the streets has morphed into something different: an umbrella movement for people of varying ages, life situations and grievances, some of them first-time protesters.

There are a few common denominators among the protesters: their position on the left of the political spectrum, and the view that the majority in America—the "99 percent," in their words—isn't getting a fair shake.

Beyond that, though, there's a diversity of age, gender and race—in part due to the recent injection of labor union support, and fueled by social networks—that is striking to some who study social protests.

"Most people think this is a bunch of idealistic young kids," said Heather Gautney, a sociology professor at Fordham University and an analyst of social protests. "But the wider movement is remarkably more diverse than it's been portrayed. I've seen a lot of first-time protesters, nurses, librarians. At one protest, the younger element seemed actually to be in the minority."

Pi-Sunyer, who lives in Montclair, N.J., was drawn into the fray on Wednesday the same way many were—via social networks. She saw a post from a friend on Facebook and realized it was time to join.

"I just decided to get off the couch and be in control," she said, holding a hand-lettered sign that read: "Wise OWLS Seek Economic Justice 4 All." (OWLS was a play on the initials for Occupy Wall Street—with an "l" for little people.) "I was oblivious before. I can't be oblivious now."

Nearby, a speaker in lower Manhattan's Foley Square yelled into a microphone: "I'm tired of sticking my hand in my pocket, and only getting my leg!" The so-called "Granny Brigade" pulled out guitars and played a song. The crowd milled, bearing an endless variety of signs:

"Make Banks Pay!" "Corporate Greed is Not Patriotic!" "Give My Professor Health Insurance, Please!" "Food is A Basic Human Right!" "Bernanke Burnout!" An optimistic one: "This Is The First Time I've Felt Hopeful In a Long Time!" And a pessimistic one: "Even My Union is Corrupt!"

Authorities say body found in missing man's SUV

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A third body has been found in a deadly crime spree that began with the slaying of a Washington woman last week and ended with the arrest in California a few days ago of two armed fugitives, Oregon authorities said Saturday.

The body was found in a Jeep owned by David Jones Pedersen—known as "Red" to his friends and family. He's been missing since last month, when his wife, Leslie Pedersen, was found stabbed to death in their Everett, Wash., home. Authorities have not yet identified the deceased white male found in the Jeep, but they said Red Pedersen's relatives have been notified.

Authorities have implicated Pedersen's 31-year-old son, David Joseph Pedersen, and the son's 24-year-old girlfriend, Holly Grigsby, in what an Oregon county sheriff's captain called a "vicious, vile reign of terror" that began last month.

Led by a tip into remote forested mountains southeast of Salem, Ore., authorities discovered the Jeep at the bottom of a steep embankment beneath a logging road, near a campground in the Cascade Range open only in the summer. The terrain is so difficult, they struggled to get it to a position where they could discover the body.

"It took some time to come up with a plan to bring the vehicle up to a place where investigators could safely see inside," said Everett Police Sgt. Robert Goetz.

Authorities weren't yet sure whether the body was injured before the Jeep went over the embankment, Goetz said.

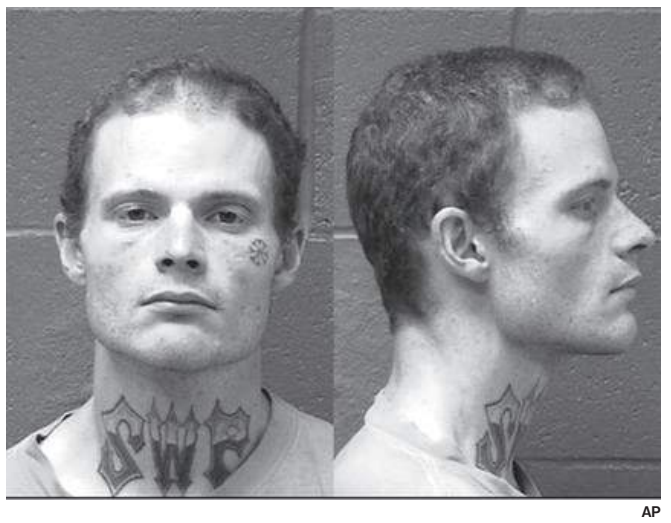
An autopsy is tentatively scheduled for Monday to confirm whether the body is Red Pedersen and how the man died.

Red Pedersen has been missing since Sept. 28, when his wife, Leslie Pedersen, 69, was found stabbed to death in the mobile home they had moved into just weeks earlier. Her hands were tied with duct tape, a bloody pillow was wrapped around her head.

There was no sign of Red Pedersen and his black 2010 Jeep Patriot, or of his son who'd recently been released from the Oregon prison system where he'd spent half his life. Red Pedersen wanted to reconnect with his son, a relative told The Daily Herald of Everett, Wash.

Leslie Pedersen's daughter, Lori Nemitz, also spoke of the younger Pedersen to Seattle's KOMO-TV: "He's not our stepbrother; he's nothing to us."

Three days after Leslie's body was discovered, 19-year-old music-lover and devout Christian Cody Myers left for a jazz festival on the Oregon Coast. Somehow, authorities say, he crossed paths with a couple running from the law. His body was found in a forested area near Corvallis, Ore., with gunshot wounds to the head and chest. It was discovered some 70 miles from the embankment where Red Pedersen's Jeep came to rest.



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These booking photos released by the Oregon State Police, on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, show David Joseph Pedersen.

Statistics: Mo. baby unlikely taken by stranger

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Decades of statistics on infant abductions in the U.S. suggest one of the least likely scenarios in this week's disappearance of a Kansas City baby is that a stranger broke into her home and quietly snatched her from her crib.

But the numbers also lead national experts to believe that if 10-month-old Lisa Irwin were taken by an intruder in the middle of the night, as her parents told investigators, she is likely still alive.

Strangers who kidnap infants or young children, though rare, often do so because they want a child of their own, not because they intend to hurt or kill the child, said David Finkelhor, director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.

"The recovery rate for infants is very, very high. There is real hope here," added Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Arlington, Va.

But the experts acknowledge that investigators often focus on close relatives when a baby goes missing, in part because statistics show that far more infants and young children are killed by a parent than a stranger.

"Suspicion almost always falls heavily on the parents, especially when it's young kids," Finkelhor said. "Fifteen hundred parents kill their kids every year, and that's heavily focused on the under 1 year of age category."

Allen said his organization has handled 278 infant abduction cases during his nearly three decades with the group. Only 13 cases involved a stranger coming into a home and taking a baby, and all but one of those children were recovered unharmed.

Lisa's parents, Jeremy Irwin and Deborah Bradley, reported their daughter missing early Tuesday. Their relationship with investigators chilled late Thursday, when police said the parents had stopped cooperating. The couple quickly insisted they only needed a break from incessant police questioning.

On Saturday, the parents were meeting again with detectives, Kansas City police spokesman Capt. Steve Young said. He declined to say what was discussed.

A day earlier, Bradley told The Associated Press that police had accused her of being involved in her daughter's disappearance, which she vehemently denies, and told her she failed a lie detector test. The couple told the AP police have treated them like suspects, and Bradley said detectives told her: "'You did it. You did it. And we have nothing.'"

ACROSS THE NATION

Plane ditches in ocean off Hawaii, pilot rescued

HILO, Hawaii (AP)—A small plane ran out of fuel and was ditched in the ocean several miles off Hawaii's coast, but the pilot was rescued by Coast Guard crews who had flown alongside and coached him on crash landing in the choppy seas. Dramatic video released by the Coast Guard shows the plane gliding low over the water and then splashing down. Within seconds the pilot climbs out onto a wing as a helicopter lowers a rescue swimmer, who helps him enter a basket so he can be hoisted to the hovering aircraft. Police identified the pilot as Charles Brian Mellor, of Puerto De Santa Maria, Spain.

Feds still looking for wayward Alaska orcas

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Federal officials now say they're not so sure three killer whales that wandered far up a river in southwestern Alaska have returned to salt water. Biologists were hopeful Friday that the orcas were out of danger because they didn't see the black and white whales during a flight over the Nushagak River. But NOAA Fisheries spokeswoman Julie Speegle says authorities received credible reports Saturday that the whales are still in fresh water. Biologists were searching the area by plane.

Calif. train kills woman with stroller; baby fine

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)—Police in Southern California say a woman who was pushing a baby in a stroller was hit by a passenger train and killed, but the child was not hurt. Sgt. Dan Warren of the Riverside Police Department says the woman was trying to cross the tracks on foot and managed to get the baby and stroller across in time, but was still on the tracks when the Metrolink commuter train came. Warren says "the baby's fine," and no one from the train was injured. It was not clear how many were aboard.

Asia

Thai prime minister warns floods threaten Bangkok

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's prime minister is warning that rising floodwaters which have wreaked havoc across the nation are now threatening the capital, Bangkok, as the death toll from the worst monsoon rains in decades rose Saturday to 253.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said the flooding—which has severed rail links with the north, shut dozens of highways and swamped ancient Buddhist temples in the city of Ayutthaya—has reached a crisis level.

Bangkok has so far been spared serious damage, but many fear it could be inundated as large amounts of water flows from submerged northern rice fields toward the Gulf of Thailand. That critical runoff is expected to be impeded by high ocean tides in mid-October, and Tropical Storm Nalgae is also forecast to bring new rain in the days ahead.

In a radio message Saturday, Yingluck said authorities are hoping to ease the crisis by installing up to 400 water pumps along the Chao Phraya River, which snakes through Bangkok, to help push water to the sea. Seven canals will also be dug on the outskirts of the city, she said.

Yingluck said government agencies are struggling to cope because "the water volume is extraordinary and is beyond expectations."

"It is now going to have a direct impact on Bangkok," Yingluck said in a televised speech Friday.

Bangkok Gov. Sukhumbhand Paripatra said the situation in the capital—where authorities have piled thousands of sandbags along the banks of rising rivers—is currently under control.

AP

A motorcyclist makes his way through a flooded street caused by heavy overnight rain Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand.

IAEA team in Japan; Fukushima starts thyroid tests

TOKYO (AP)—Experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency arrived in the Japanese city of Fukushima on Sunday to observe the massive decontamination effort following the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl.

Local doctors also began a long-term survey of children for thyroid abnormalities, a problem associated with radiation exposure. Officials hope to test some 360,000 people who were under the age of 18 when the nuclear crisis began in March, and then provide follow-ups throughout their lifetimes.

The 12-member IAEA group was to visit farms, schools and government offices throughout Fukushima prefecture in northeastern Japan to observe the cleanup process. It is the U.N. atomic agency's second major mission to Japan since the crisis at Fukushima's Dai-ichi nuclear power plant began.

Nearly 20,000 people were killed when the earthquake and tsunami hit Japan on March 11, and the disaster severely damaged the Fukushima complex. Officials say the plant is now relatively stable, but tens of thousands of people still cannot—or choose not to—return to their homes because of the radioactive contamination.

No one has died from radiation in the nuclear crisis, but concerns remain high over how the lingering contamination will impact the safety of Fukushima's children.

The thyroid testing program is intended to allay those fears and build a database that might help deal with future disasters. On its opening day Sunday, more than 100 children, whose thyroid glands are more susceptible to radioactive iodine than adults, were checked.

ASIAN BRIEFS

US envoy regrets Philippine sex tourism remarks

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The U.S. ambassador to the Philippines has apologized for his recent statement that 40 percent of male tourists visit the country for sex, a government spokesman said Saturday. Ambassador Harry Thomas sent a cellphone text message Friday to Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario, who was on a visit to Vietnam, expressing regret for his comments, foreign affairs spokesman Raul Hernandez said. "I should not have used the 40 percent statistic without the ability to back it up. I regret any harm that I may have caused," Thomas said in the text message, which Hernandez forwarded to journalists.

China's Hu urges unification with rival Taiwan

BEIJING (AP)—China's President Hu Jintao has used the centennial of a revolution that ended imperial rule to make an appeal to further relations with Taiwan. Hu said at a ceremony in Beijing Sunday that China and Taiwan should end antagonisms, "heal wounds of the past and work together to achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation." The centennial marks the events set in motion in 1911 when revolutionaries overthrew the Qing dynasty's imperial rule on the mainland.

Suspect in plot to kill Karzai was not a bodyguard

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Afghan president's office says a man accused of plotting to kill President Hamid Karzai was not one of his personal bodyguards, as intelligence officials had initially said. Karzai's office said Saturday the suspect was a member of the palace protection unit but that he was assigned to an outer gate of the presidential complex and had no access to the heavily secured palace. Afghan intelligence officials announced Wednesday that they had broken up a cell that was planning to assassinate Karzai. They had said that a palace bodyguard from Karzai's hometown of Karz was among six people they arrested.

World

Libyans claim gains in Gadhafi hometown offensive

SIRTE, Libya (AP)—Libyan revolutionary forces claimed to have captured parts of a sprawling convention center that loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi have used as their main base in the ousted leader's hometown and were shelling the city to try to rout snipers from rooftops in their offensive aimed at crushing this key bastion of the old regime.

The inability to take Sirte, the most important remaining stronghold of Gadhafi supporters, more than six weeks after the capital fell has stalled efforts by Libya's new leaders to set a timeline for elections and move forward with a transition to democracy.

Gadhafi supporters also hold the enclave of Bani Walid, where revolutionary forces have been stymied by a challenging terrain. But the transitional leadership has said it will declare liberation after Sirte's capture because that will mean it holds all of the seaports and harbors in the oil-rich Mediterranean coastal country.

British Defense Secretary Liam Fox pledged to keep up NATO airstrikes even after Sirte's fall, saying the international military action would continue as long as the remnants of the regime pose a risk to the people of Libya.

"We have a message for those who are still fighting for Gadhafi that the game is over, you have been rejected by the people of Libya," he told reporters Saturday in Tripoli before flying to Misrata.

Revolutionary forces began a major attack on Sirte on Friday after a three week siege from the outskirts of the coastal city, during which they said they were giving civilians time to flee. On Saturday, fighters fired rockets into the city from the backs of pickup trucks, though visibility was severely limited by a sandstorm.

Libya's de facto leader, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, the head of the governing National Transitional Council, said the battle for Sirte has been "ferocious," with 15 revolutionary fighters killed and 180 wounded on Friday.

"Our fighters today are still dealing with the snipers positioned on the high buildings and we sustained heavy casualties," he said at a joint news conference in Tripoli with Fox and Italian Defense Secretary Ignazio La Russa.

Abdel-Basit Haroun, a revolutionary field commander, said 32 people had been killed in two days of fighting, while the military council in the nearby city of Misrata, which has sent many fighters to Sirte, reported 80 wounded.

The council said revolutionary forces were attacking houses to try to eliminate the "overwhelming hordes of snipers out there."

Christians fear Islamist pressure in Egypt

CAIRO (AP)—On her first day to school, 15-year-old Christian student Ferial Habib was stopped at the doorstep of her new high school with clear instructions: either put on a headscarf or no school this year.

Habib refused. While most Muslim women in Egypt wear the headscarf, Christians do not, and the move by administrators to force a Christian student to don it was unprecedented. For the next two weeks, Habib reported to school in the southern Egyptian village of Sheik Fadl every day in her uniform, without the head covering, only to be turned back by teachers.

One day, Habib heard the school loudspeakers echoing her name and teachers with megaphones leading a number of students in chants of "We don't want Ferial here," the teenager told The Associated Press.

Habib's was allowed last week to attend without the scarf, and civil rights advocates say her case is a rare one. But it stokes the fears of Egypt's significant Christian minority that they will become the victims as Islamists grow more assertive after the Feb. 11 toppling of President Hosni Mubarak. It also illustrates how amid the country's political turmoil, with little sense of who is in charge and government control weakened, Islamic conservatives in low-level posts can step in and try to unilaterally enforce their own decisions.

Wagdi Halfa, one of Habib's lawyers, said the root problem is a lack of the rule of law.

"We don't want more laws but we want to activate the laws already in place," he said. "We are in a dark tunnel in terms of sectarian tension. Even if you have the majority who are moderate Muslims, a minority of extremists can make big impact on them and poison their minds."

In the past weeks, riots have broken out at two churches in southern Egypt, prompted by Muslim crowds angered by church construction. One riot broke out, near the city of Aswan, even after church officials agreed to a demand by local ultraconservative Muslims, called Salafis, that a cross and bells be removed from the building.

The violence is particularly frustrating for Christians because soon after Mubarak's fall the new government promised to review and lift heavy Mubarak-era restrictions on building or renovating churches.

WORLD BRIEFS

Yemen president says he wants to leave power

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—President Ali Abdullah Saleh made vague comments Saturday that he is willing to leave power in his first major speech since returning Yemen, but he gave no concrete plan for the future of the country. Yemen's opposition cast doubt that the embattled leader was serious. It was not the first time Saleh has expressed a willingness to step down amid eight months of mass protests demanding his ouster. Still, he has repeatedly refused to resign immediately and rejected a U.S.-backed deal for him to hand over his authority.

Officials slam US report on Puerto Rico police

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Puerto Rico's Justice Department has denounced a scathing U.S. federal report on the island's police force even though the governor and other officials accepted the findings and pledged improvements. The territory's attorneys attacked the federal findings in a court motion this week involving a police brutality suit brought by two university students. The motion, which was filed with Justice Secretary Guillermo Somoza's name at the bottom, calls the 116-page federal report is unreliable, flawed and biased, and it says the methodology used to reach its conclusion was "rather obscure."

Spain: bullfighter survives terrifying face goring

MADRID (AP)—A Spanish bullfighter is likely to suffer facial paralysis and lose the sight in one eye after a terrifying goring, the hospital treating him said Saturday. Television images showed the moment when the bull's left horn ripped into Juan Jose Padilla's lower jaw to emerge beside his protruding eyeball as spectators in the northeastern city of Zaragoza screamed in horror. Padilla is in a stable condition and recovering from a five-hour operation to repair his face, the statement from the Miguel Servet Hospital said.

Health & Fitness

Pancreatic cancer 4th most deadly, treatments few

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Pancreatic cancer is notoriously lethal—there are almost as many deaths from it each year as there are new cases. The deaths this week of Apple founder Steve Jobs and Nobelist Ralph Steinman bring unusual attention to this less-well-known type of cancer.

Jobs lived more than seven years after being diagnosed with a neuroendocrine tumor—a less common, slower-growing and more treatable type of pancreatic cancer than the kind that killed Steinman a week ago and actor Patrick Swayze two years ago.

The Apple chief kept details of his illness behind a firewall and declared he was cured after cancer surgery in 2004. However, five years later, gaunt and having lost a lot of weight, Jobs had a liver transplant. Experts said it was likely because his cancer had returned or spread.

A liver transplant sometimes can cure the type of cancer that Jobs had. But if it comes back, "it's usually in one to two years," said Dr. Michael Pishvaian of Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In January, Jobs announced his third and final leave of absence. He resigned in August and died on Wednesday.

Part of what makes pancreatic cancer so deadly is that the pancreas is as vital as the heart. You can live with just part of a liver or a colon, or only one kidney or lung. But the pancreas is a fish-shaped organ that makes digestive enzymes and insulin and other hormones that enable the body to make energy from food.

In the United States, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths. About 44,030 people will be diagnosed with it and about 37,660 people will die of it this year in the U.S., the American Cancer Society estimates.

Over the past 15 to 25 years, rates of pancreatic cancer have dropped slightly, possibly because of a decline in smoking, the cancer society says. However, cases have been rising since around 2002 and rose about 1 percent per year over the period 1998 to 2007, said the cancer society's deputy chief medical officer, Dr. Len Lichtenfeld.

Possible symptoms are fatigue, back pain, abdominal pain, unexplained weight loss, loss of appetite, jaundice and nausea, according to the Lustgarten Foundation, a private group that finances research on the disease.

This cancer often is not found until it is advanced or has spread, and overall survival is dismal: 20 percent after one year and only 4 percent after five years.

However, with a neuroendocrine tumor like the one Jobs had, "people can live a longer time; median survival is five to eight years," said Dr. Alan Venook, a pancreatic cancer specialist at the University of California, San Francisco.

The lifetime risk of developing pancreatic cancer is about 1 in 71, according to the cancer society. Men and blacks account for more cases than women and whites, possibly because of differences in smoking rates. Smokers have two to three times more risk of developing the disease. Use of smokeless tobacco also raises the risk.

Obese people, those who don't exercise much and diabetics also have more risk for pancreatic cancer. Alcohol use might play a role: Most studies haven't tied it to pancreatic cancer, but heavy drinking can lead to diabetes and liver and pancreas problems that pose a cancer risk, the cancer society says.

The best hope for a patient is that the tumor is operable. That was the case in February 2009, when U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had a small, early-stage pancreatic tumor removed at New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

On the horizon are immune system treatments—research that Steinman, the Nobel recipient from Rockefeller University in New York, was studying in the lab and trying on his own pancreatic cancer.

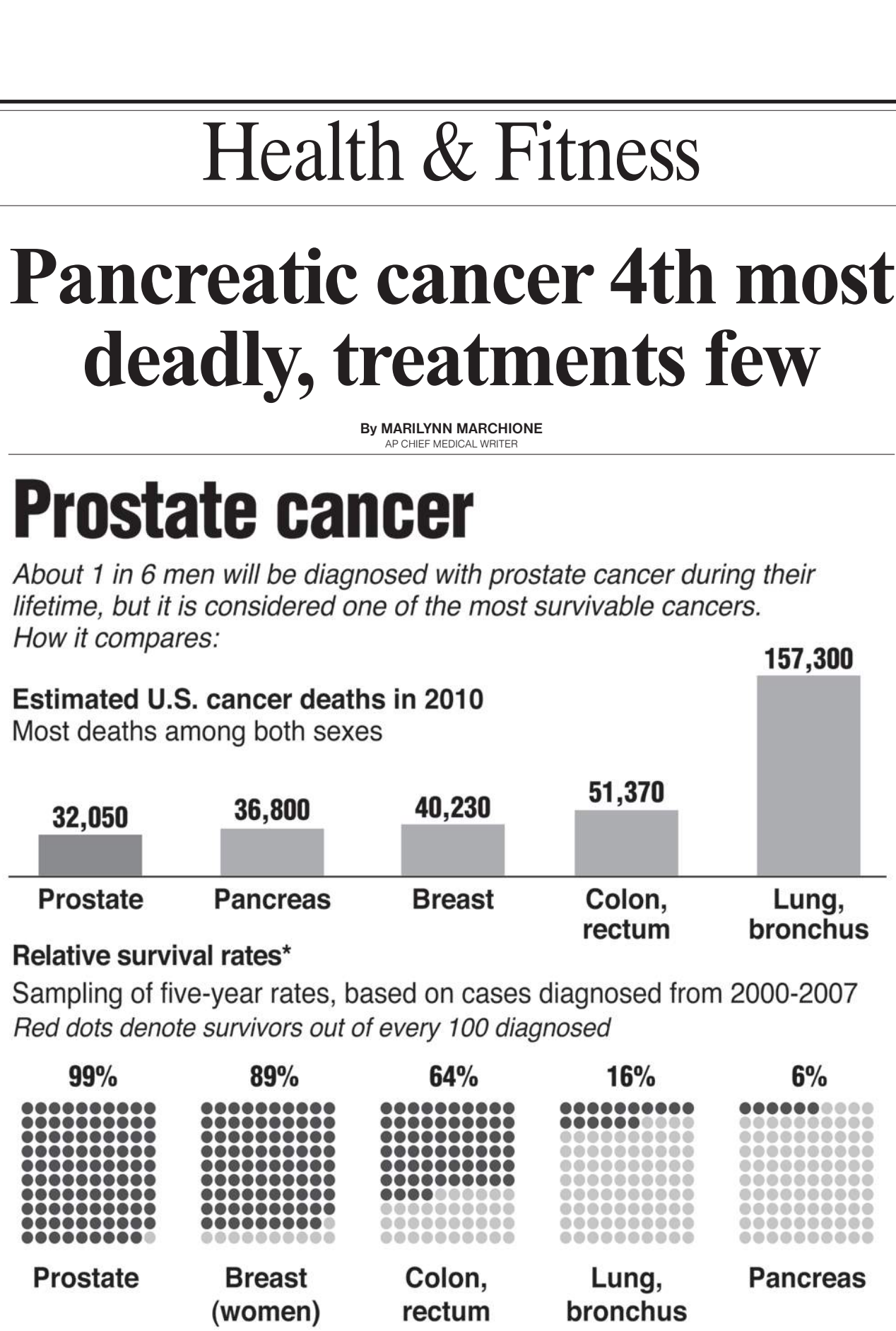
The immune system has a hard time recognizing and fighting cancer because the enemy is not an invading germ but our own cells gone rogue. Treatments called therapeutic cancer vaccines are ways to modify cells to help the immune system recognize the risk.

One such vaccine by NewLink Genetics, a small biotech firm in Ames, Iowa, is in late-stage testing now for pancreatic cancer. The company website says the larger study was initiated after a mid-stage test suggested improvement in survival.

Dr. Roderich Schwarz, chief of surgical oncology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, has enrolled a few patients in some immune therapy studies, which have not paid off in the past.

"Vaccines are coming along," and last year's approval of one for advanced prostate cancer suggests researchers may be learning to overcome some of the drawbacks of the past, he said.

"It's quite possible that vaccines will claim their territory in the treatment of these challenging tumors," Schwarz said. "It's still in the development stage rather than the proven stage."


Prostate cancer
About 1 in 6 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime, but it is considered one of the most survivable cancers.
How it compares:
Estimated U.S. cancer deaths in 2010
Most deaths among both sexes
32,050
Prostate
36,800
Pancreas
40,230
Breast
51,370
Colon, rectum
157,300
Lung, bronchus
Relative survival rates*
Sampling of five-year rates, based on cases diagnosed from 2000-2007
Red dots denote survivors out of every 100 diagnosed
99%
Prostate
89%
Breast (women)
64%
Colon, rectum
16%
Lung, bronchus
6%
Pancreas
*Estimate of the percentage of patients who would be expected to survive the effects of their cancer in specific geographic areas representing 28% of the U.S. population, for cases diagnosed from 2000 to 2007; includes malignant cancers that have and have not metastasized
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Panel advises against prostate cancer screening

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WASHINGTON (AP)—No major medical group recommends routine PSA blood tests to check men for prostate cancer, and now a government panel is saying they do more harm than good and healthy men should no longer receive the tests as part of routine cancer screening.

The panel's guidelines had long advised men over 75 to forgo the tests and the new recommendation extends that do-not-screen advice to healthy men of all ages.

The recommendation by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, being made public on Friday, will not come as a surprise to cancer specialists.

Yet, most men over 50 have had at least one PSA blood test, the assumption being that finding cancer early is always a good thing.

Not so, said Dr. Virginia Moyer of the Baylor College of Medicine, who heads the task force.

"We have put a huge amount of time, effort and energy into PSA screening and that time, effort and energy, that passion, should be going into finding a better test instead of using a test that doesn't work," Moyer told The Associated Press late Thursday.

Too much PSA, or prostate-specific antigen, in the blood only sometimes signals prostate cancer is brewing. It also can mean a benign enlarged prostate or an infection. Worse, screening often detects small tumors that will prove too slow-growing to be deadly. And there's no sure way to tell in advance who needs aggressive therapy.

The task force analyzed all the previous research on this subject, including five major studies, to evaluate whether routine screening reduces deaths from prostate cancer. The conclusion: There's little if any mortality benefit.

But there is harm from routine screening: impotence, incontinence, infections, even death that can come from the biopsies, surgery and radiation, Moyer said.

One study estimated 2 of every 5 men whose prostate cancer was caught through a PSA test had tumors too slow-growing to ever be a threat.

Yet Moyer said 30 percent of men who are treated for PSA-discovered prostate cancer suffer significant side effects, sometimes death, from the resulting treatment.

About a third of men ages 40 to 60 have brewing prostate cancer but "the huge majority of them will never know it in their lifetime if they are not screened," she added.

The task force previously had considered the evidence for or against PSA screening inconclusive. The new recommendation says not to routinely screen. That recommendation is a draft that is open for public comment beginning next week.

"We have been long concerned, and it has been apparent for some years, that some supporters of prostate cancer screening have overstated, exaggerated and in some cases misled men about the evidence supporting its effectiveness," said Dr. Otis Brawley of the American Cancer Society in a statement. "We need balanced, truthful information to be made widely available to physicians and patients when making important health decisions."

The society had not seen the new recommendation yet, but has long advised men to consider the pros and cons of PSA screening before deciding on their own.

Moyer said the recommendation only means that doctors shouldn't bring up the option for healthy men. If a man asks for a PSA test and wants it after being informed of the evidence, he should receive it, she said. Likewise, it's appropriate to use PSA tests to examine a man with possible prostate symptoms.

Life & Style

Michael Jackson's children appear at tribute show

CARDIFF, Wales (AP)—Chart-toppers, soul singers and three generations of Michael Jackson's family—including his children—celebrated the King of Pop at an energetic tribute concert Saturday, urging fans to focus on the late star's music rather than his death.

The run-up to the "Michael Forever" concert was overshadowed by the Los Angeles manslaughter trial of Jackson's doctor, and marred by fan criticism, sluggish ticket sales and dissension within the Jackson family. But once the four-hour show started, Jackson's musical genius, and the warm tributes of friends and family, carried the night.

"We're very happy to be here on this special night to honor our father," said Jackson's 13-year-old daughter Paris, who made a brief onstage appearance alongside brothers Prince, 14, and 9-year-old Michael Joseph Jr., known as Blanket.

The children wore outfits evoking their father's famous styles—Paris most strikingly, in a red and black "Thriller"-style jacket. Blanket stood stoic and shy, but the older children smiled and appeared confident in the spotlight.

On a stage shaped like a giant glove, musicians including Christina Aguilera, Gladys Knight and Cee Lo Green performed songs from across Jackson's career—from his childhood with the Jackson 5 through monster solo albums like "Thriller" and "Bad."

The Black Eyed Peas, probably the biggest act on the bill, pulled out of the lineup this week, citing "unavoidable circumstances."

Participants urged fans to ignore the criticism and controversy, and to revel in the celebration of Jackson's musical legacy.

"It's not about the controversy," said R&B star Ne-Yo, who kicked off the show with a rendition of "Billie Jean," complete with some passable moonwalking. "It's not about the trial. It's not about his death. It's about celebrating his life. It's about celebrating his music."

The 50,000-strong crowd at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium did just that, roaring with approval as Jackson's brothers Marlon, Tito and Jackie—three-fifths of the original Jackson 5—took the stage to perform "Blame It On the Boogie" with British boyband JLS.

"Can you feel his spirit in the house tonight?" asked Marlon. Judging by the cheers, the fedora hats and the sequined gloves in the audience, many could.

Jackson died in June 2009, at age 50, as he was preparing for a string of comeback concerts in London.

His last hours are being relived in graphic detail at the manslaughter trial of Dr. Conrad Murray, accused of giving Jackson a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol and other sedatives in the bedroom of his rented mansion on June 25, 2009.

"This is a great counter-act to that," said Motown great Smokey Robinson, who gave a soulful rendition of "She's Out of My Life." "And it gives people something happy to do, rather than thinking about what's going on in the trial."

The show mined a rich trove of Jackson hits. Leona Lewis crooned "I'll Be There," Beyonce delivered the early single "I Wanna Be Where You Are" and Jamie Foxx performed "Rock With You." Aguilera sang Charlie Chaplin's "Smile"—one of Jackson's favorite songs.

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From left, Prince Jackson, Blanket Jackson and Paris Jackson arrive on stage at the Michael Forever the Tribute Concert, at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011.

"Tonight is a history lesson," Foxx told the crowd. "We're going to cover five decades of greatness."

The show reached a climax with Knight performing the poignant "Gone Too Soon" before a rousing finale that brought most of the performers—and the Jackson children—back onstage for the exuberant "Don't Stop Til' You Get Enough."

The concert has divided the King of Pop's family and followers. The three brothers, sister La Toya and vocal group 3T—composed of three of Michael's nephews—all performed, while 81-year-old matriarch Katherine was in the audience.

But Michael's brothers Jermaine and Randy and sister Janet have stayed away, saying it is wrong to hold the show at the same time as Murray's trial.

Before the show, Marlon Jackson said he respected his siblings' decision, but said he was sure Michael would have approved.

"Each one of us grieves differently," he said. "We want to celebrate the positive side of his life, the positive things that he did."

Some fan groups around also criticized the show for ticket prices that started at about $100 and for what some regard as an out-of-the-way location in Cardiff, 150 miles (240 kilometers) west of London.

"I believe it should wait, not only because of the Murray trial," said Wesley Noorhoff, president of a Dutch Michael Jackson fan club. "If you do a tribute to Michael, it has to be the best there is, just like Michael."

But those who came to Cardiff said it was a fitting antidote to the grim courtroom spectacle in Los Angeles.

"There's a lot of negativity in that courtroom," said Ronnie Lee, a 32-year-old truck driver from Pembroke, Wales, sporting a "Thriller" T-shirt. "This is a chance to say, 'Thank you Michael' and celebrate the music."

As the crowd poured out of the stadium, opinion was divided. "Rubbish," said Sophie Stockdale, 23. "If you wanted to watch Beyonce on video link, you could do it on YouTube."

But Sophie Morris, also 23, said she'd loved it.

Jurors hear Jackson doctor detailing treatments

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dr. Conrad Murray says in a police interview played for a jury that he spent months trying to help Michael Jackson with his insomnia, giving him nightly infusions of an anesthetic until realizing the singer was becoming addicted. Given two days after the King of Pop died, Murray is heard in the more-than two hour recording describing his relationship with the star, the medications he gave him and the efforts to save his life.

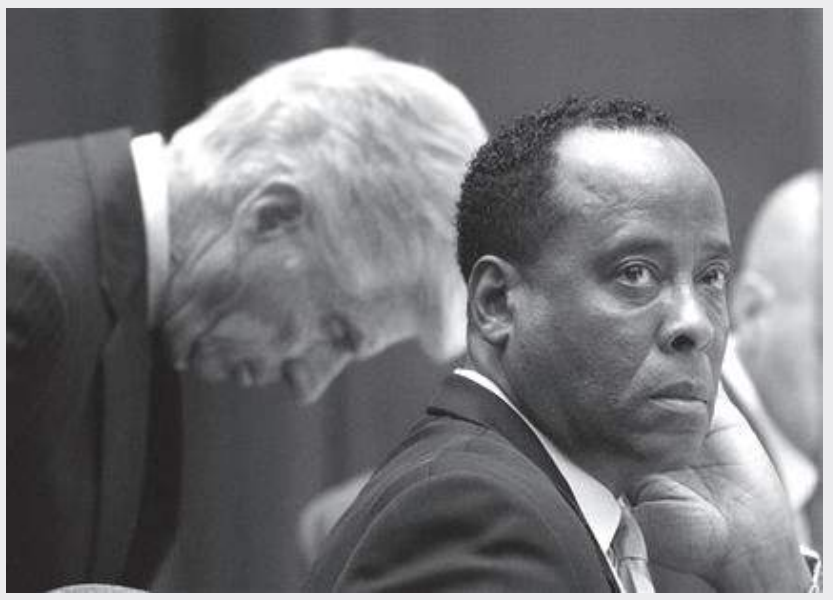
Murray's account, in an interview played publicly for the first time Friday, was so detailed and graphic that Jackson's sister, Rebbie, arose and rushed from the courtroom during the description of the singer's death scene.

Murray sounded calm, speaking in a lightly accented voice. As he neared the end of his story, emotion crept in.

"I loved Mr. Jackson," he told the detectives. "He was my friend. He opened up to me in different ways. I wanted to help him ... I cared for him. I had no intention of hurting him. I did not want him to fail."

He added, "I realized Michael Jackson had a dependency and I was trying to wean him off it."

The June 27, 2009, interview outside a noisy hotel ballroom gave police their first hint that Jackson's death was not from natural causes and that he had been given the powerful anesthetic propofol in an effort to cure his extreme insomnia.



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Dr. Conrad Murray sits at the defense table with his attorney J. Michael Flanagan during his trial in the death of pop star Michael Jackson in Los Angeles, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011.

"He's not able to sleep naturally," Murray told the detectives early in the interview.

Prosecutors contend that Murray was reckless by giving Jackson propofol outside a hospital setting and without proper monitoring equipment. They claim he gave the singer a lethal dose of the drug and other sedatives on the day Jackson died.

Defense attorneys say Jackson gave himself the lethal dose after Murray left the room. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. If convicted, he could face up to four years behind bars and the loss of his medical license.

Jurors got about two-thirds of the way through the interview and will hear the remainder of the interview—and some of its most emotional moments—when the trial resumes on Tuesday.

According to a transcript released Friday, detectives asked Murray about his actions at the hospital after Jackson was declared dead, which led the doctor to describe telling the singer's mother and children that the singer had died.

Paris Jackson, the doctor said, was worried about being an orphan and expressed questions about why her father was dead.

"'Dr. Murray, you said you save a lot of patients, you know, you save people with heart attacks and you couldn't save my dad,'" Murray told the detectives Paris Jackson, then 11-years-old, said.

"'I know you tried your best, but I'm really sad," he continued, recounting her words. "'I will wake up in the morning, and I won't be able to see my daddy.'"

Murray's account disclosed a long history of Jackson's reliance on propofol.

Jackson told him he had received the drug from doctors in Germany and then from a Las Vegas physician, Dr. David Adams, who came to Murray's office and put Jackson to sleep for hours with the anesthetic. Adams is slated to testify later in the trial.

Adams' lawyer, Liborius Agwara, previously said Adams administered propofol to Jackson four times in 2008 to assist a dental surgeon.

Murray sat next to his lawyers as the tape played in the hushed courtroom. The only sound came from jurors turning pages of the 125-page transcripts given to them.

The doctor's story, interrupted infrequently by detectives' questions, was probably his substitute for testifying in the two-week old trial. It offered him the chance to describe his treatment of Jackson without cross-examination.

Amanda Knox's dad: ABC producer gave kids her room

NEW YORK (AP)—The courtship of Amanda Knox's family by American television networks eager to win an exclusive interview with her extended to providing temporary accommodations for two of her younger sisters.

Knox's father, Curt Knox, said Friday that an ABC producer let his daughters Ashley, 16, and Delaney, 13, stay in her room while court was in session. He said a CBS producer did, too, and an NBC producer offered to.

Amanda Knox, 24, returned to the United States on Tuesday after an Italian court overturned her murder conviction in the death of her roommate. The former exchange student from Seattle had been in custody since 2007.

Networks are competing for an interview with her, even before it's clear if she'll even tell her story in that venue. There has been increased attention lately on how networks get these interviews, with ABC declaring this summer it would no longer pay interview subjects to license photos or videos, seen as a dodge of the common journalistic practice of not paying people to tell their stories.

Producers might be able to help the Knoxes see if they could find care for their teenage daughters, but offering something with a specific monetary value—their hotel rooms—isn't a good idea, said Kelly McBride, senior faculty member for ethics at the Poynter Institute, a journalism think tank.

Even without a specific expectation of something in return, "it is unfair to the source because they are in a position of vulnerability," McBride said.

Curt Knox said that although ABC producer Nikki Battiste permitted his children to use her room, she was doing her job and did not babysit the teenagers. He said Battiste wasn't in the room with them.

ABC News spokeswoman Jeffrey Schneider said the network didn't have a problem with Battiste's actions.

Knox said that CBS producer Sabina Castelfranco also permitted the children to use her room. But CBS spokeswoman Sonya McNair denied this, saying Castelfranco turned down the request when asked and checked out of the small hotel. McNair said it was unclear whether the room was made available to the children after Castelfranco checked out.

Knox said NBC producer Stephanie Siegel offered her room but it wasn't used. NBC spokeswoman Lauren Kapp denied that such an offer was made.

Battiste and Siegel also accompanied Knox's wife and the two girls on a shopping trip near the Italian courtroom but didn't buy anything for the family, he said.

It's unclear whether any efforts by networks to ingratiate themselves with Knox will make any difference. "The kind gesture to allow my younger daughters, who couldn't get into the courtroom due to age, will not have any influence as to which network, if any, that Amanda may choose to go with in the future," he said.

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A pedestrian walks past a movie theater marquee with a "welcome home" sign for Amanda Knox Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, in the West Seattle neighborhood of Seattle.

Actor in film 'The Raven' honors Edgar Allan Poe

BALTIMORE (AP)—Actor Luke Evans and director James McTeigue laid a wreath at Edgar Allan Poe's grave as they paid their respects and talked about their upcoming film "The Raven," which reimagines the American writer's last days. Evans, 32, plays a young Baltimore detective hunting for a killer who is using Poe's grisly stories as the inspiration for a string of murders. John Cusack plays Poe, who joins the hunt.

Poe died in Baltimore on Oct. 7, 1849.

Evans said he was captured by Poe's biography and considers him the "godfather of American literature." He said he learned of Poe's heartbreak and alcoholism and his unique role in history as the first American writer who tried to make a living by writing.

"This man started something that's still thriving today, the murder stories and the detective," Evans told The Associated Press. "He was the beginning of all of that."

The movie is a blend of fact and fiction, marrying Poe's tumultuous life with his stories, which sets it apart from other Poe films, McTeigue said.

Poe's famous poem, "The Raven" figures into the script in a scene where he gives a dramatic reading of the poem to a lady's society luncheon. It's clear, though, that Poe is just "going through the motions because he has to make a living," McTeigue said.

Both Evans, who is Welsh, and McTeigue, who is Australian and known for his film "V for Vendetta," were eager to visit Baltimore for the first time. McTeigue said he researched Baltimore scenes for the film, but it was shot in Budapest, Hungary, for its older architecture.

Visual effects were used to add the historic Baltimore Harbor, Fell's Point and the city's Washington Monument to the film.

"The Baltimore of 1849 doesn't exist anymore," McTeigue said. Still, he said, "it's nice to come and walk the streets and be where Poe is."

Evans also stars in the upcoming films "The Three Musketeers" and "Immortals," in which he plays Zeus, king of the Greek gods. His film career is less than four years old after starting his career on stage in London's West End. His role in "Clash of the Titans" put Evans on the film map.

"The Raven" opens nationwide on March 9.

While Evans had to create an American accent for "The Raven," he didn't try to adopt that unique Maryland way of saying "Bal-more" for his detective character, he said.

"I didn't want to embarrass myself because it's quite a specific accent," he said.

After Evans and McTeigue laid a wreath at Poe's downtown grave in a one-time church cemetery, Evans rubbed the nose of Poe's likeness in a penny that's part of his tombstone as tourists and locals gathered around to snap pictures. The filmmakers also toured the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum.

They bemoaned the possible closure of the Poe House after the city cut off funding for the museum this year and said they hope the movie can draw attention to his life in Baltimore.

"He left such an incredible legacy and this city sort of owns it," Evans said. "It's a really special thing."

Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House, said the museum has enough money to stay open until June but will need at least $85,000 a year to continue beyond then. The city has hired consultants to find a way to make the museum self-sustaining and perhaps transfer its ownership to a private group.

Few groups are looking to acquire a museum house, though, Jerome said.

Attention generated by the movie in the months ahead will be good for the Poe House, which continues to raise private funds on its own, he said.

"This movie hasn't even opened yet, and it already has generated a lot of controversy" over its fictionalization of Poe's final days, Jerome said. "You have to suspend your belief when you see a film like this. I'm very excited about it."

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Actor Luke Evans, who appears in the upcoming film "The Raven," rubs the nose of writer Edgar Allen Poe for good luck after placing a wreath on his grave with director James McTeigue, not pictured, in Baltimore, Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, to commemorate the 162nd anniversary of his death.

Bill Cosby, Chita Rivera to share NYC benefit show

NEW YORK (AP)—At 74, Bill Cosby says he doesn't want to dawdle.

"When you hit the 70 mark, some of your friends have been destroyed or are dead," the comedian and activist says by phone. "You keep going, but you do have a feeling that as you're walking forward, someone's turning the lights out behind you." One of America's most beloved and groundbreaking joke-tellers, Cosby has leveraged his fame—he is the first black actor to win a lead actor Emmy and beloved for his groundbreaking series "The Cosby Show"—to give back.

"We really don't want waste time," he says of his septuagenarian peers. "I just don't want to leave without thanking those who are doing good. It doesn't have to be a big thing."

Cosby has found one of those things in an Oct. 13 benefit for the organization Art Start at New York City's 1,500-seat Town Hall. The comedian will be joined by Chita Rivera and Mark Nadler for a one-night-only performance of "Laugh, Sing, Dance."

"I'll do part of my show that I've been doing around the country," says Rivera, 78, who is an old friend of Cosby's. She'll be singing songs from musicals she's most famous for, including "Kiss of the Spider Woman," "Chicago," "West Side Story" and "Bye Bye Birdie."

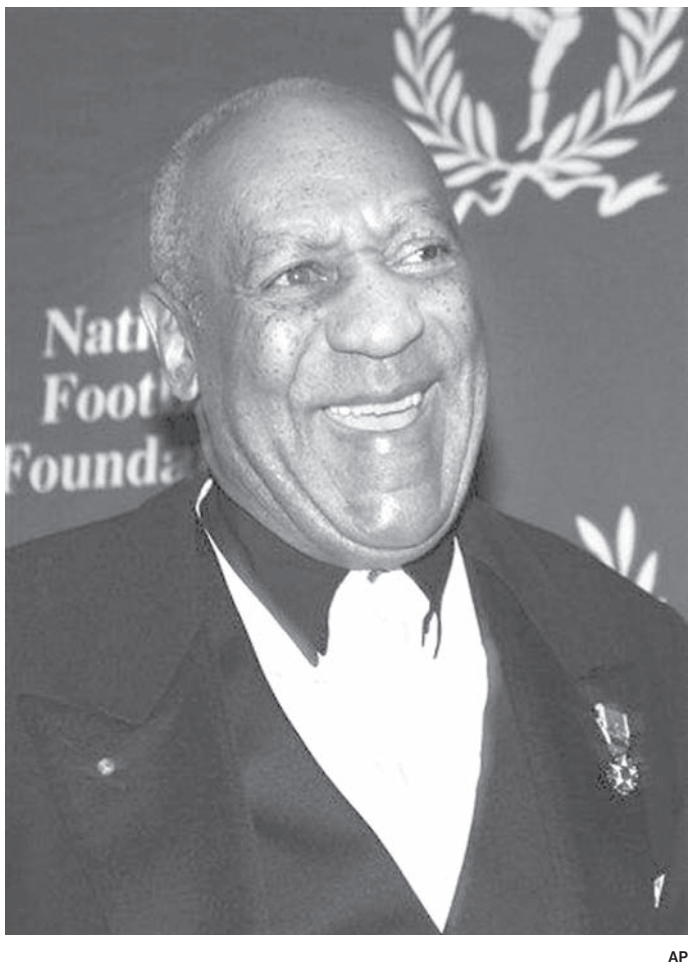
Art Start, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, has been providing visual and performing arts programs for New York City's most at-risk youth, offering an outlet for children who are homeless, leaving jail or coping with parents in crisis.

"Many of these children are homeless. Many are feeling strongly unempowered, not having a choice about anything," Cosby says. "Through touching, feeling, hearing, seeing, these kids may be able to disappear from the gloom in their heart."

Nadler, a singer and pianist who is a member of Art Start's board of directors, brought the two acclaimed performers together for the event. Ticket prices range from $35 to $150.

Tony Award-winning Rivera was most recently on Broadway in "Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life" and was recently seen in the Signature Theatre's production of "The Visit." She's doing a reading for a new musical and is slated to continue her concerts. Cosby is awaiting the release of his new book, "I Didn't Ask to be Born (But I'm Glad I Was)," which comes out Nov. 1.

For Cosby, helping kids is a mission and getting to work with Rivera is just icing on the cake. "She has one of the greatest laughs. Period. Especially at our age," he says. "She just laughs so hard so it's my pleasure.



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In this Dec. 7, 2010 file photo, comedian Bill Cosby, left, is shown at a cocktail reception prior to the 2010 College Football Hall of Fame awards dinner in New York.

Fox renews 'Simpsons' for 2 years

NEW YORK (AP)—Fans of "The Simpsons" can breathe a "d'oh!" of relief: The animated series was renewed Friday for two more seasons.

A contract dispute with the show's voice cast had threatened to end the series, but Fox announced it will air through seasons 24 and 25.

The animated series about the Simpson family, including dad Homer and his familiar "D'oh!" is TV's longest-running scripted nighttime series. In its announcement, the network gave Homer a celebratory quote: "Woo hoo! I outlasted Andy Rooney!"

Rooney retired from "60 Minutes" Sunday after 33 years with the CBS news magazine.

Negotiations over the future of "The Simpsons," which began its 23rd season last month, spilled out into the public. Twentieth Century Fox Television, which makes the show, said it couldn't continue without cutting costs and targeted the salaries of voice actors Harry Shearer, Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith and Hank Azaria.

Each actor makes a reported $8 million a year for their work on "The Simpsons," and

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In this undated publicity photo released by Fox, characters from the animated series, "The Simpsons," from left, Maggie, Marge, Lisa, Homer and Bart, are shown.

Fox said the show could not continue without pay cuts. Earlier Friday, Shearer said producers demanded a 45 percent reduction.

The terms of the cast's new deal were not announced. The Hollywood Reporter, citing unidentified sources, said the actors accepted a 30 percent pay cut in the $440,000 they'd received for each of 22 episodes per season.

Shearer said he'd told producers he'd be willing to accept a 70 percent pay cut, but in return the actors wanted "a tiny share" of the billions of dollars in profits the show has earned through syndication and marketing. The show's creators, Matt Groening and James L. Brooks, have profit participation but the actors have been rebuffed in efforts to join them.

Shearer said his representatives were told that there were "simply no circumstances under which the network would consider allowing me or any of the actors to share in the show's success."

A spokesman for Twentieth Century Fox Television, Chris Alexander, said Friday he had no comment on Shearer's statement.

"We've had a great run and no one should feel sorry for any of us," said Shearer, who conceded that his salary was "ridiculous by any normal standard." "But given how much joy the show has given so many people over the years—and given how many billions of dollars in profits News Corp. has earned and will earn from it—I find it hard to believe that this is Fox's final word on the subject."

News Corp. owns both the television studio and Fox network.

Questions were raised about whether Fox and the studio wanted the series to continue. The Daily Beast, which first reported the salary impasse, noted that the studio is locked into its current syndication deals while new episodes continue to be made. If the show were to be canceled, the studio could potentially make much more lucrative deals for use of the reruns.

Signs Paul McCartney wedding may be near

LONDON (AP)—A tent is being set up and party decorations are being delivered to Paul McCartney's house amid speculation that the former Beatle will marry fiancee Nancy Shevell in central London this weekend.

Paparazzi and well-wishers gathered Saturday at the pop icon's residence in the posh St. John's Wood neighborhood. British tabloids say the couple plans to marry Sunday and have a small reception afterward.

McCartney and Shevell posted a notice of intent to marry at London's Marylebone Town Hall in September. Officials say the announcement means they can marry any time in the next year.

His spokesman Saturday declined to comment.

Shevell would be McCartney's third wife. He married his first wife, the late Linda Eastman, at Marylebone Town Hall in 1969.

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Sir Paul McCartney shows his pass next to his fiance Nancy Shevell during his daughter Stella McCartney's spring-summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection presented Monday, Oct.3, 2011 in Paris.

John Wayne auction fetches more than $5 million

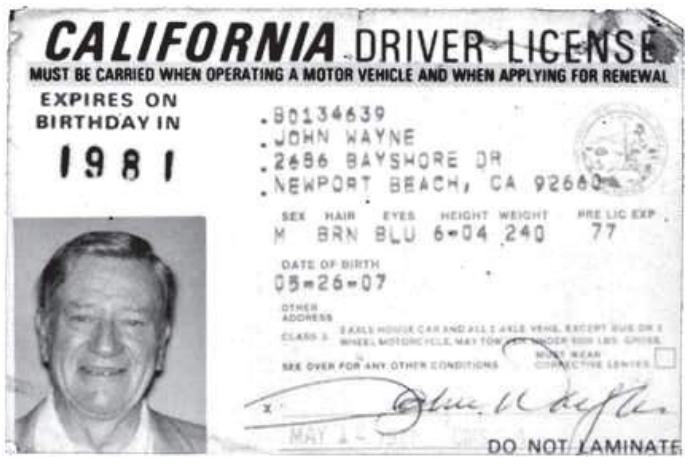
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Organizers say a two-day auction of more than 700 costumes, scripts, awards and memorabilia from the estate of film star John Wayne brought in $5.4 million.

Heritage Auctions said Friday that the auction included items such as Wayne's last driver's license, a holster and gun belt from the film "El Dorado" and an eye patch from the 1969 movie, "True Grit."

The green wool beret Wayne wore in "The Green Berets," went for $179,250 and a cowboy hat worn in "Big Jake" and "The Cowboys" fetched $119,500.

The items had been kept by Wayne's family since his 1979 death from cancer.

A portion of the proceeds will be used by the John Wayne Cancer Foundation to help fund cancer research, treatment and education.



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Issued in 1977, two years before he died, John Wayne's California driver's license sold for $89,625 in a public auction conducted in Los Angeles and online by Heritage Auctions, Oct. 6 and 7, 2011.

Gabor, 94, better after fever sends her to LA hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband says she is doing better hours after she lost consciousness at her Los Angeles-area mansion and was rushed to a hospital.

Husband Frederic Prinz von Anhalt said late Saturday that Gabor's fever is down, she's responding to antibiotics, and she has opened her eyes, though hasn't spoken.

Doctors at UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center are planning to replace a tube that was bleeding in her stomach on Sunday.

Von Anhalt says his wife is a "fighter" and he's confident she'll make it.

The 94-year-old actress appeared in a handful of films, but has been most famous for playing the role of herself on talk shows, game shows and at times the news.

She has been hospitalized repeatedly since breaking her hip in July 2010.

AP

In this Jan. 27, 1993 file photo, actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is shown in Midland, Texas.

Mom gets served an earful in line at breakfast buffet

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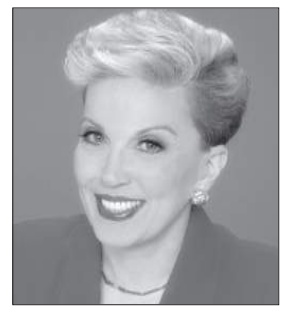

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were on vacation out of state with our four young children, staying at a large resort that offered a free buffet breakfast. While my husband tended to the children's beverages and eating utensils, I stood in line to make waffles for everyone. (There were three waffle irons available.)

As I made four waffles for the six of us—as others were doing for their families—a woman began berating me and another man for "monopolizing" the waffle irons. She said we should make only one waffle at a time and then get back in line. She went on to insult our kids by saying that by feeding our kids whole waffles for breakfast, we are responsible for the epidemic of childhood obesity in this country.

Was I being rude? Is there a rule of etiquette regarding waffle-making in a buffet? We like to sit down as a family and enjoy our meal together.

WAFFLING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WAFFLING: As far as I know, you broke no rule of etiquette. What you encountered was a hungry woman who was taking her impatience out on you. She is lucky you didn't hand her an egg and tell her to go suck on it.

DEAR ABBY: Two weeks before our youngest child's wedding, my husband of more than 40 years suddenly became obsessed with worry that I was unfaithful. It was unfounded and nearly ruined the wedding for both of us. This continued for two weeks after the wedding, until he finally vowed to "let it go."

My husband is now bending over backward to make it up to me. He is as thoughtful and passionate as if we were on our honeymoon again. While I'm enjoying the attention, I can't help but wonder if he is the guilty one. What do you think?

TURNING THE TABLES IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TURNING THE TABLES: What I think isn't nearly as important as what YOU think. If you think he has been unfaithful, you may be right. The question now is, what do you intend to do about it? If you no longer trust your husband, then marriage counseling would be appropriate.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my wife and only child three years ago in a car accident. I felt my life ended that day, but I've managed to put the pieces back together thanks to the support of my family and friends. Now I'm at the point where I think I'm strong enough to start dating again.

When do I tell my date what happened? I don't want to scare her away with my story. It's a big part of who I am, but it's not ALL I am. First dates are about getting to know someone and it's hard not to share this, but I'm uncomfortable sharing right away. Do you have any advice?

TENTATIVE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TENTATIVE: I see no reason why you should disclose all the details of what happened to your wife and child on a first or second date. If the subject of your marital status is raised, it's perfectly all right to say that you are a widower, that the subject is a painful one, and you will share more details when you know the person better. It would be insensitive for anyone to press you for more information after hearing a statement like that.

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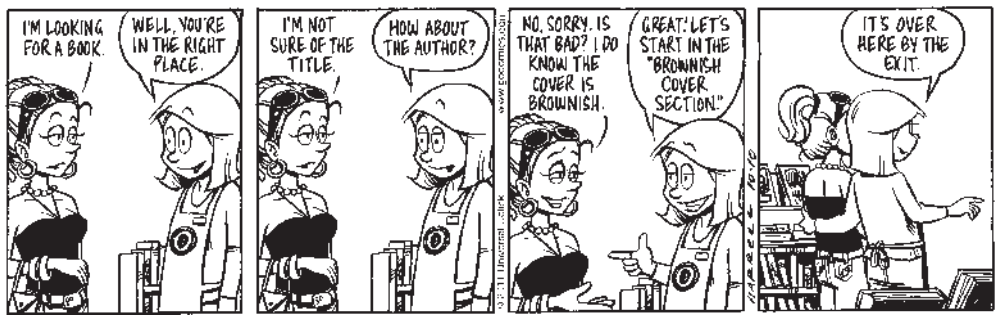
I'M LOOKING FOR A BOOK.
WELL, YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.
I'M NOT SURE OF THE TITLE.
HOW ABOUT THE AUTHOR?
NO, SORRY. IS THAT BAD? I DO KNOW THE COVER IS BROWNISH.
GREAT! LET'S START IN THE "BROWNISH COVER SECTION."
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ACROSS
1 Ho Chi Minh Trail locale, for short
4 Recede
7 Reveille's opposite
11 Death notice
13 Rocky peak
14 Chills and fever
15 Actress Farmiga
16 Dined
17 TV's "Warrior Princess"
18 Billy Joel song, "The Down-easter —"
20 Maintained
22 Pen fluid
24 Become more intense
28 Bag inside a football
32 Worship
33 Staffer
34 Deity
36 Alternative to Windows
37 Intelligent
39 Drop
41 Muppet frog
43 Humor
44 PC picture
46 Video screen dot
50 Fleet from outer space?
53 Haul
55 Rice-shaped pasta
56 Louver component
57 Id counterpart
58 DEA agent
59 Arctic diving birds
60 Clean up the lawn
61 Tibetan bovine

DOWN
1 Exploding star
2 Cain's victim
3 Muddy stuff
4 Greek vowel
5 This and that
6 Beagle or boxer, e.g.
7 Write-off on your 1040
8 One's years
9 Play on words
10 Vast expanse
12 Stuffy people?
19 Moreover
21 Meadow
23 Small barrel
25 Corn concoction
26 "— Brockovich"
27 Adjoining
28 Soak up some rays
29 Lemon's cousin
30 Hebrew month
31 Scepter
35 Morning moisture
38 — -tac-toe
40 Taste the tea
42 Tribal emblem
45 NASA scrub
47 Picture of health?
48 Pound of poetry
49 Tress
50 G8 member
51 Winter ailment
52 Erstwhile acorn
54 "Holy cow!"

Solution time: 24 mins.

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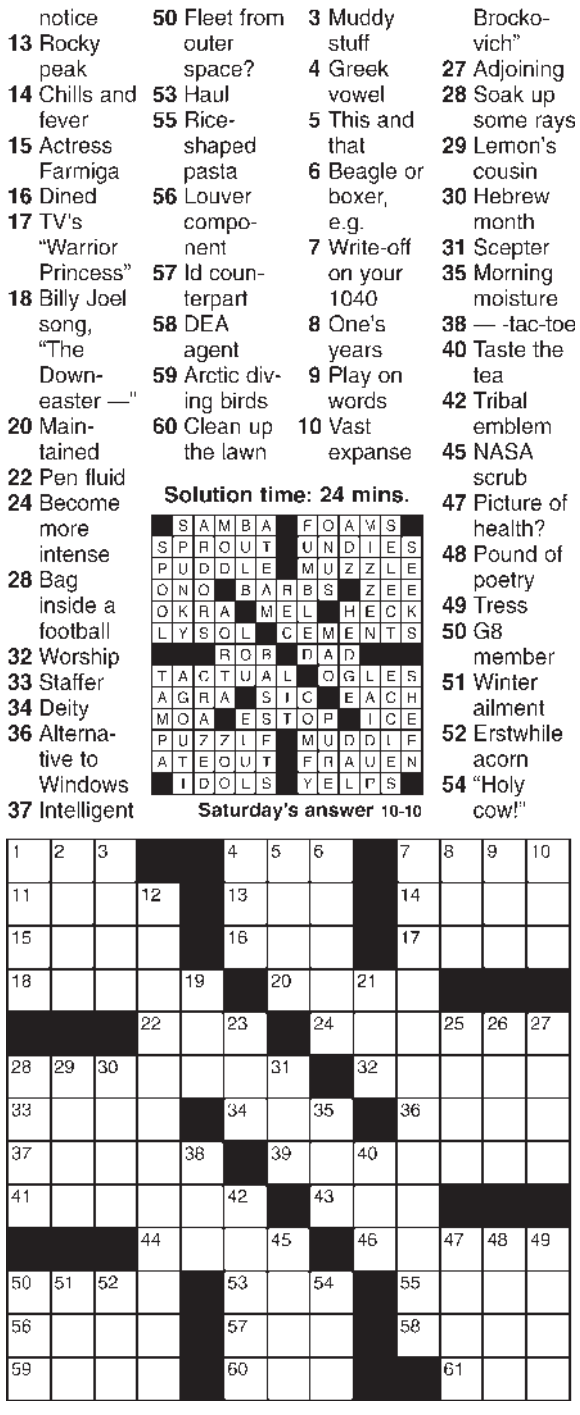
Saturday's answer 10-10



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mya, 33; Dale Earnhardt Jr., 37; Mario Lopez, 38; Bradley Whitford, 52.

Happy Birthday: Don't let things build up until they are too hard to handle. Live and act in the moment and you will finish what you start. A passionate approach to your words and deeds will bring added respect. Advancement can be yours if you are creative. Socializing and communication will inspire you to make things happen. Your numbers are 1, 5, 16, 19, 25, 31, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Impulsive action will not bring good results. You must avoid arguments. A relationship may be on the line if you cannot bring yourself to compromise or to see both sides of a situation you face. Now is not the time to make a drastic life change. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Put greater emphasis on your future. Avoid a falling out with a colleague, employer or authority figure. A snap decision regarding your career will not be beneficial. You must think matters through and strategize first. Ask questions and listen to advice. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take part in an event, activity or fundraiser that will help you stand out. Recognition for your generosity will lead to something worth your time and effort. Someone you impress will make you an offer. Take a leap of faith. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Pick up skills and information, or anything that will help you advance. Put some effort into a relationship that means something to you. Avoid being critical when encouragement is what's required. Don't mislead; be upfront about your intentions. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Keep life simple; don't brag or take on too much. Learning will help refresh your memory and call to mind what you already know. Get domestic chores out of the way or consider making a move. You'll come up with a creative way to make extra cash. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Protect what you have. Giving out too much information or being to readily available to help demanding people will cut into valuable time you need to pursue your own projects. Avoid impulse purchases or hasty decisions that can lead to worry. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Communicate. Find out where you stand and what possibilities lay ahead. Don't procrastinate because you sense some difficulty may occur. Strive to overcome anything or anyone that tries to slow your progress. Original ideas will help you bypass setbacks. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Follow your intuition. Use your talents and you will spark interest from someone you've worked with in the past. Hone your skills rather than fight the impossible. Follow your heart and your dreams. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Home and self improvements should be at the top of your list. Clear up odd jobs. A change at home will help you reflect on what's happened in the past and how you should move forward in the future. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick to what you know. Assumptions will get to trouble. A problem with communication will lead to a sudden turn of events that can alter your day. Don't give an answer or make a promise without having all the pertinent facts. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Make changes that will benefit you emotionally, financially and physically. Take the initiative and ask for whatever you need to follow through with your plans. A partnership will lead to greater opportunities and benefits. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Follow a creative dream. Put together proposals and present what you have to offer to someone in an influential position. Someone you least expect from your past will step up and offer help if you share your ideas. A deal can be made. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are disciplined, original and eager to take on a challenge.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 10/10

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

2	4	1	7	8	9	3	5	6
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3	8	5	9	6	1	2	7	4
9	7	2	3	5	4	1	6	8

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6:06

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SELENA GOMEZ **Solution: 6 letters**

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Last Saturday's Answer: Jetties

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2 All around beautician. At least over 5 yrs experience. Pls call 235-4865 or 788-4865. Brianna Beauty Salon.

ENGINEERING FIRM
IS SEEKING FOR:

- **Civil Engineer/ Construction Manager**
  20+ yrs. building and highway design/construction experience.
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EMAIL RESUME TO: rreyes12@netzero.net

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EMPLOYMENT

1-Commercial Cleaner, $5.05 per hour; 1-General Maintenance, $5.05 per hour. No phone calls please Mail resume to Chalan Kiya Apt. Circle at PO Box 502418, Saipan, MP 96950

1-General Maintenance, $5.05 per hour. No phone calls please Mail resume to Matilde Fejeran at PO Box 502418, Saipan, MP 96950

1-Accountant, $5.05-$6.50 per hour Mail resume to RR & Associates at PO Box 504039, Saipan, MP 96950 or call (670) 233-8391

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT-WINCHELL'S DONUTS

a. 1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage range $7.50 per hour and up, depending on qualifications. College level. Must have at least 5 years of continued experience in managing bakery or similar operations. Must be able to manage 15 or more people and more than 1 store. Must be computer literate. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

b. 3 vacancies for **Store Supervisor**. Wage range $5.25 to $7.50 per hour depending on qualifications. College level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in supervising bakery operations. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

c. 8 vacancies for **Sales Associates**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in sales. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

d. 6 vacancies for **Donut Makers/Bakers**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 3 years experience in baking. Knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system preferred. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have a reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test.

Please get application forms and submit them at our Winchell's Garapan location from 8am to 12noon or email them to dennys@guam.net

MAR PAC

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Marianas pacific Dist., Inc. is looking for highly motivated and experienced individuals to work as

Consumer Products Sales Representative

- Good Oral and Written Communications Skills
- Computer literate with proficiency in Microsoft Word Power Point, Excel and Outlook
- Must be a Self Starter
- Must be aligned with the core values of accountability, teamwork, trust and integrity
- Customer service oriented with an outgoing personality
- Must be able to work Evenings/Overtime
- Must possess valid CNMI Drivers License
- Must be 18 yrs of age or older
- Must be able to travel (with valid passport)

MarPac Dist., Inc Offers competitive salaries commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications may be picked up and submitted at the MARPAC office located in Gualo Rai Village – Saipan. Deadline of submission is on October 12, 2011.

NO TELEPHONE CALLS PLEASE.

As condition of Employment, MARPAC requires proof of identity and Eligibility to work in the CNMI. Drug testing, Police and Court Clearance.

MARPAC Dist., Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer

FRANKIE'S AUTO AND TOW SERVICES
JOB VACANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Full Time Mechanic
- Must be able to diagnose engine problems accurately, make repairs and perform maintenance work on a vehicle.
- Must be knowledgeable in over-hauling vehicle engine.
- Must have knowledge in electrical and transmission repair
- 6-7 years of work experience is required

Interested applicants must pick up an application at Frankie's Auto and Tow Services in As Perdido or contact telephone numbers (670) 235-4448/287-4448

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) GENERAL MANAGER
- (1) ASSISTANT MANAGER
- (1) TAX PREPARER / ADM. ASSISTANT
- (1) ACCOUNTANT
- (1) INSURANCE SALES AGENT

If interested bring resume and police clearance to
AMCA TRADING BUSINESS, INC.
P.O. Box 503024, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone #. 234-6278/79

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) A/C TECHNICIAN
- (1) SHEET METAL WORKER
- (1) MANAGER
- (1) SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Please send your resume and Police Clearance to
PACIFIC HOME APPLIANCES CORPORATION
P.O. Box 501582, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone#. 234-9380

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) GENERAL MANAGER
- (6) COMMERCIAL CLEANER

Please send your resume to:
CLEAN WORLD CORPORATION
PMB 993 BOX 10000, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone# 235-6238 /788-9458

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) ACCOUNTANT
- (2) SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Please send your resume to:
GMJ'S CORPORATION
P.O. Box 501166, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone #. 483-7107

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
- (1) ANIMAL GROOMER
- (1) MAINTENANCE REPAIRER, BLDG.
- (1) CAREGIVER

Please send your resume to:
PARADISE ISLAND ANIMAL, INC.
P.O. BOX 505090, Saipan, MP 96950 • Contact No. 234-9669

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) BEAUTICIAN
- (1) MANAGER / BEAUTICIAN

Please send your resume to
FASHION SCENT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
PMB 304 Box 10003, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone #. 233-0490

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (2) SALES REPRESENTATIVE
- (1) ASST. SALES MANAGER
- (1) GENERAL MANAGER
- (2) STOREKEEPER /CASHIER

If interested bring resume and police clearance to
GUN & MOON'S CORPORATION
P.O. Box 501166, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone # 483-7107

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (2) MAINTENNACE REPAIRER
- (1) SHEET METAL WORKER

Please send your resume and Police Clearance to
SAMSUNG ENTERPRISES, INC.
P.O. Box 501582, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone # 234-9380

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

General Manager (1 position) $2,500 per month
- Knowledgeable in electrical products, retail/wholesale stores procedures to include: quotations, sales, payments, materials ordering, receiving, warehousing, and distribution.
- Familiar in electrical materials pricing in CNMI, including latest electrical products
- Must have knowledge in Point of Sales system and have experience in managing store/maintenance staff
- Have experience in importing/exporting electrical products, via air or shipping (Guam, Korea, USA)
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers
- Must be bilingual (English & Korean Language), with at least 5 years work experience as Procurement Manager

Bidding Manager (1 position) $1,800 per month
- Knowledgeable in Project Contracting Activity Standards such as; Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), USACE, NAVFAC, CNMI Procurement, CNMI ARRA
- Knowledgeable in International Construction Standards; NEC, EM 385-1-1, OSHA, CNMI, and local government laws.
- Have ability to detailing project scope of works and requirements
- Have ability to read and analyze electrical plans, wiring diagram, layout, and technical specifications
- Knowledgeable in project estimate and project schedule (BOM/BOQ, labor cost, equipment cost, material specifications, etc.)
- Must be Licensed Electrical Engineer, with at least 5 years experience in Federal Project Contracting Activity

Assistant Office Manager (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in preparing bank and other government agencies documents, lease agreements, monthly billings, collection reports, bank reconciliation, wire transfers requests, online transactions, and all other correspondences with vendors and customers
- Have experience in renewal of business licenses, permits, filing of various tax returns;
- Have experience representing company when dispute arises (CUC, Tax & Revenue, Zoning, and Division of Customs)
- Must be proficient in Peachtree Accounting software. Knowledgeable in accounting system (payroll, receivable/payable, withholding taxes, FICA tax, BGR tax, annual corporate tax, 1040 tax and all other types of tax required from a corporate company)
- College graduate, with at least 5 years experience in accounting system, office management and administration

Computer Programmer (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in computer system (networking, programming), CCTV system, and communication system
- Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures
- Knowledgeable in Point of Sales software system, record of sales, stocks inventory, data base, and networking
- Familiar in sales operations, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 5 years experience in Computer Programming/Networking

Electrical Maintenance Supervisor (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in building inspection, maintenance, repair, safety measures, housekeeping and waste management
- Ability to handle tenants maintenance work request (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, carpentry, and others)
- Knowledgeable in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Familiar in maintenance tools and equipment, building materials and appliances, and equipment spare parts
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 2 years experience in building management system

Electrician (2 positions) $5.05 per hour
- Knowledgeable in electrical system installations in accordance with NEC and local government standards
- Knowledgeable in electrical product sales, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers (product quotation, usage, benefits)
- Knowledgeable in electrical market conditions, product innovations, and competitor's products prices.
- Must have driver's license, with at least 5 years experience in electrical installation and product sales

Carpenter (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in construction building repairs and maintenance (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Knowledgeable in using maintenance tools and equipment (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar with stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must have at least 15 years experience in construction and building maintenance, repairs, and installation

Interested applicants may send resume to hongeei@pticom.com. No phone call please.
HONG ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) JEWELRY APPRAISER
- (1) COOK
- (1) DRESS MAKER
- (1) ACCOUNTING CLERK

If interested bring resume and police clearance to
JONA-FEL CORPORATION
PMB 489 BOX 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone #. 256-6858

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR
- (1) AIRCON REP/TECHNICIAN

Please send your resume to:
SONG XING CORPORATION
PMB 958 Box 10005, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone#. 285-0996

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) FITNESS INSTRUCTOR ASSISTANT

Please send your resume to:
JUSTICE SAIPAN, LLC.
PMB 811 Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 • Contact #. 234-3733

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- (1) MANAGER (PAWNSHOP)
- (1) ASST. MANAGER (PAWNSHOP)
- (1) CLEANER

If interested bring resume and police clearance to
ADPIA COMMUNICATION, INC.
Mailex 919 Box 10005, Saipan, MP 96950 • Telephone #.235-4499

Vacancy Announcement

1 Operations Manager - $5.75/hr. Minimum 4 years experience with Bachelor's Degree.

1 Sales Manager - $5.75/hr. Minimum 4 years experience with Bachelors Degree or Diploma.

2 Carpet Installers- $5.05/hr. Minimum 2 years experience with High School Graduation or equivalent.

Interested applicants please bring resume & police clearance to Innovation Inc., San Antonio, P.O.Box 504206, or call 235-5547.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

COOK, SUPERVISOR, PURCHASING AND INVENTORY CLERK

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Must have a high school diploma / GED equivalent
- Stamina to work on your feet as needed for 12 hrs shifts
- Be able to lift and carry up to 30 lbs
- A valid Saipan driver's license with good driving record
- 8 – 10 yrs experience in food service preferred

Please contact Mr. Merchant Thompson at cel: 1-907-9570070 or 1-670-789-4609

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Caregiver /Housekeeper/ Office Maintenance

Duties: Home office & residence maintenance. Monitor daily medications, prepare meals and do laundry for senior citizen and proprietor.

Requirements: at least 5 years experience in giving care to a person with disabilities, housekeeping experience a must.

Open to U.S. Citizens call 322-2393 from 8am – 5pm (Mon-Fri)

Fermina Camacho Apartments

Julian S. Calvo, Jr. dba
Electronix Shop
Vacancy Announcement

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

Must be a High School graduate with TECHNICAL COURSE or College DEGREE. Salary minimum, 5 – 10 years work experience required. Knows how to repair, troubleshoot, and diagnose broken computer box for vhehicles. To repair or maintain Industrial Electronics such as Programmable Logic Control (PLC) or small Man Machine Equipment (MME) and all related electronic items.

Please apply in person. Bring your resume or call Julian S. Calvo, Jr. at 483-2994/789-1823

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

BOOKKEEPER

Associate's Degree in Accounting and a minimum of 2 years experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis in accounts receivables & payables are required. Must possess work-related skill, knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and ACCPAC/SBT or similar accounting systems

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing or a minimum of 3 years work related experience are required. Preferably with F&B/restaurant operations and menu preparation experience. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Nihonngo or Korean language will be advantage. A valid driver's license is required along with a clean driving record. Availability to work on evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience.

Interested applicants must submit their application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by October 14, 2011. Applications may also be sent to: maxk@pticom.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

D&Q is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment.
Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required.

Grace Christian Academy Tinian Campus
is looking for:

2 Elementary School Teachers and 2 Junior High Teachers – Full Time
Qualifications:
- Must be a holder of Bachelor's degree with at least 2 years teaching experience, preferably in a Christian School
- Must be willing to submit previous employer reference (non-relative) providing a proven track record for timeliness, excellent work ethic and job/personal responsibility.
- Must accept without verbal or mental reservations both the Statement of Faith and the education/doctrinal beliefs and objectives of the school (Grace Christian Academy) and the church (Tinian Christian Assembly of God)
- Must Adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside a classroom setting if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

1 School Custodian worker – Part Time – 25 hours per week
Qualifications:
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and at least 2 years experience as a school custodian having experience maintaining/overseeing all day to day facility operations of a school including grounds keeping, general building maintenance and various other school and student related responsibilities.
- Must be willing to submit previous employer references (non-relative) providing a proven track record for timeliness, excellent work ethic and job/personal responsibility.
- Must accept without verbal or mental reservations both the Statement of Faith and the educational/doctrinal beliefs and objectives of the school (Grace Christian Academy) and the church (Tinian Christian Assembly of God)
- Must adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside regular job duties if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

Applications may be downloaded at www.gca-nmi.com
Please submit completed applications to:
Grace Christian Academy – Tinian / PO Box 520422 by mail or in person
GCA is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International

Grace Christian Academy Rota Campus
is looking for:

1 Preschool Teacher
Holder of high School Diploma and at least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian School

1 Elementary School Teacher
Holder of Bachelor's degree in education or related field; at least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian School;
- Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
- Must adhere to all school policies and procedures;

Salary: $5.05/hour

Interested applicants may download application form at www.gca-nmi.com
Submit completed applications to:
Grace Christian Academy, Sinapalo 1, Rota, MP 96951
GCA is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Registrar (1)
Qualifications
Minimum 2 years experience in a Christian School;
Proficient in computer skills: excel, Word, Photoshop;
Proficient in filing/record-keeping;
Communication skills: community, parents, various ethnic groups;
Minimum 2 years experience in a Christian School;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Pre-school teacher. (1)
Qualifications
Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably Early Childhood Education;
At least 2 years teaching experience in Early Childhood education, preferably in a Christian school;
Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Substitute Teacher (1)
Holder of a BA degree;
Must be flexible with substituting in any grade level;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Preferably ACSI certified.

Bookkeeper (2)
Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably in Accounting;
At least 2 years experience preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
Can work independently and less supervision;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Knowledge in School Minder/Accountrak programs preferred.

Maintenance – Repairer
Must have at least 2 years experience as ground/building maintenance;
Must be at least high school graduate;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

2 Elementary School Teachers
1 Middle School Teacher
2 High School Teachers G9-G12)
Qualifications
Holder of Bachelor's degree in education or related field; major in any one of these subjects for middle school and High school, Math, Science, English;
At least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school;
Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Business Administrator:
Holder of Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in Accounting;
At least 5 years experience in a managerial capacity in the area of finance, and general services preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
Must be able to direct and administer financial/administrative operations of the organization;
Must be able to formulate & implement financial policies and procedures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
Must be able to prepare, analyze, and interpret financial reports;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Interested applicants may download application form at www.gca-nmi.com
Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950
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CLASSIFIEDS RATES AND POLICIES

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Saipan Tribune also offers a Super Saver Package—a complete 6-day run on both print and online edition, for as low as $27 for garage sales, apartment rentals, help wanted, auto and more. You can choose from any of the packages below.

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• 3-Liner	$15	$27
• 5-Liner	$24	$39
• 3-Liner with picture	$24	$42
• 5-Liner with picture	$36	$57

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Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

Saturday Issue:

- All ads placed Friday before 12 noon will come out Saturday issue and anything placed thereafter will be published on Monday issue.

CANCELLATION

Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

REFUNDS

Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

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Saipan Tribune

APARTMENT/ HOUSE CLEANER

SALARY $5.05 PER HOUR

SEND RESUME TO
P.O. BOX 501555 C.K.
SAIPAN, MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Landscaping/Maintenance
$5.05/hr

Duties: Bush-cutting, trimming, raking, disposing of trash & debris, planting, minor plumbing, electrical, carpentry, masonry and other related duties as assigned.

Pls. contact Jose B. Aldan at 288-1947, 9am-5pm.

NANG OCHA ENTERPRISE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) BUILDING/GROUND MAINTENANCE: FULL TIME. 3-5 YEARS EXPERIENCE.
(1) ASSISTANT MANAGER: MANAGES AND SUPERVISES BUSINESS OPERATION. MUST BE HONEST AND DEPENDABLE.

Send resume to toncamacho@hotmail.com or call 235-0927.

3A'S POLYSHINE is looking for:

2 UPHOLSTERERS

- Considerable knowledge of the practices, methods, tools, materials, and equipment for upholstering.
- Some knowledge of the occupational hazards of upholstering work and of necessary safety precautions.
- Ability to make upholstery and other repairs to furniture and interiors of vehicles.
- Skill in the selection of upholstery materials and in use and care of upholstery tools and equipment.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

3 TINTER (window film installer)

- Considerable knowledge of the industrial practices of adhesive window films installation.
- Ability to work with varieties of window films and window glass surfaces and must not afraid of heights.
- Ability to work independent with minimum supervision.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

Interested individuals must be willing to undergo practical testing for position qualification. All interested applicants must submit resume before October 10, 2011 at 3A'S PLOYHSINE, Tel: 235-8938 located at Mike's Building, Beach Road, next to Car Quest Auto Parts, CK.

MVN IS NEED OF

Physical Therapist
Registered Nurse
Home Health Aide

Please submit your resume at Marianas Visiting Nurses.
Tel.: 323-6877

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Yano Enterprises, Inc.

Assistant Manager (1): Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status.

Assistant Restaurant Manager (1): Must be qualified in business English as well as written & oral reporting. Be proficient in inventory, bookkeeping, customer service, restaurant operations, & have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products.

Restaurant Supervisor (2): Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

Accountant (1): Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

Restaurant Waitress (2): Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Able to introduce & recommend menu to customer & other duties related.

Chief Cook (1): Must be experienced in supervising & coordinating orders, operations, & other cooks. Must be able to inspect & standardize raw & cooked food as well as the presentation of dishes. Be able to develop innovative recipes & menus of Japanese cuisine which take in factors such as seasonal availability of ingredients & customer orientation & pax.

Maintenance (2): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license & be flexible in work hours. Must be capable of supervising & doing advanced levels of skilled trade works (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscaping) & be proficient in using equipment including hand & power tools.

Cook (5): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

Applicants of positions listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 years experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Garapan, Hotel Street. No phone calls please.

Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School

Is requesting applicants for:

Accountant / Business Manager (1)

- Minimum 5 years experience in Seventh-day Adventist School;
- Minimum 5 years experience in a managerial capacity;
- Bachelor's degree in accounting;
- Must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;
- Knowledge in Quickbooks accounting software preferred;
- Minimum 2 years work experience in a Christian school;

Elementary Teachers (2)

- Bachelor's degree required;
- Prefer 2 years elementary teaching experience;
- Professional teacher certification preferred;
- Emphasis in English and / or emphasis in Mathematics;
- Must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;
- Minimum 2 years teaching experience in a Christian school

Pre-School Teachers (3)

- Bachelor's degree required;
- 2 Years of early childhood teaching experience required;
- Must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;
- Minimum 2 years teaching experience in a Christian school

Pre-School Assistant Teacher

- Minimum 2 Years of college required;
- 2 Years of early childhood classroom teaching experience required;
- Must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;

Interested applicants may contact Michael Berglund via email at principal@saipansdaschool.org

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KARIDAT

A Northern Mariana Islands Social Service

Shelter Worker – Limited Term

The shelter worker's primary responsibility is to provide a safe and supportive environment for all shelter residents. The Shelter Worker works with the residents from the initial point of contact on issues of crisis intervention, domestic violence education and specific short-term goals to make the resident and her children physically and emotionally safe. Shift work is required.

Responsibilities:

1. Conducts initial intake, crisis counseling, and orientation with new shelter residents and conducts exit interviews with residents leaving the shelter.
2. Documents significant information and encounters with residents in the client folder in a timely and accurate manner. Maintains documentation of shift case notes for each resident, as well as bed and meal counts.
3. Provides crisis intervention and emotional support as necessary and information and referrals to other services providers and resources.
4. Provides empowering support to residents experiencing discipline problems with children, including education about non-violent methods. Promotes positive resident interaction, offers conflict resolution during disagreements and educates residents about positive communication.
5. Supervises all shelter activities, including cooking, clean-up and children's bedtime. Supervises family time and offers activities that promote healthy and positive interactions.
6. Implements any emergency procedures when necessary and conducts periodic safety drills.
7. Conducts weekly and monthly security checks of building and site as assigned.
8. Reports noteworthy information during shift changes and in the daily Shift Report log.
9. Documents any shelter maintenance and supply needs and reports them to the Shelter Manager.
10. Authorizes, supervises and documents childcare arrangements among residents.
11. Provides assistance and supervision to volunteers as needed.
12. Participates in all program staff meetings, in-service trainings and required conferences and meetings.

Qualifications:

- High school graduate and one year of related experience.
- An understanding of the issue of domestic and sexual violence and sensitivity to the plight of battered women.
- Crisis intervention, problem-solving and advocacy skills.
- Knowledge of housing, financial, legal , health and transportation resources.
- The ability to communicate both orally and in writing in a clear and concise manner.
- The ability to work with people of various ethnic, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- A valid driver's license.

KARIDAT

A Northern Mariana Islands Social Service

Shelter Worker / Victim Hotline Coordinator

The Shelter Worker / Victim Hotline Coordinator will be under the general supervision of the Shelter Manager. The employee will oversee the 24 hours, seven days a week crisis hotline program and provide supervision and assistance to hotline volunteers, as well as to assist with daily operations of the shelter.

Duties & Responsibilities

I. Victim Hotline Administration:
   a. Make sure all Victim Hotline phone equipment is operational.
   b. Maintain current records of spending on Hotline accounts. Submit all necessary requests and supporting document as required by Karidat and the Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA).
   c. Oversee collection of confidential daily call logs of calls made to the Hotline, tabulate call logs for monthly/quarterly reports.
   d. Submit monthly and quarterly reports required by Karidat and CJPA Regarding Hotline activities and accomplishment of stated goals.
   e. Develop proposal for funding continuation.
   f. Cover the Hotline whenever no volunteer is available.

II. Victim Hotline Public Awareness:
   a. Develop advertisements for the Victim Hotline.
   b. Develop and maintain different community outreach awareness programs, such brochures, posters, media captions, etc.
   c. Establish working relationship with different agencies to promote awareness of the Victim Hotline services.
   d. Make presentations to various groups to promote awareness.

III. Shelter Worker:
   a. Conducts initial intake, crisis counseling, and orientation with new shelter residents and conducts exit interviews with residents leaving the shelter.
   b. Documents significant information and encounters with residents in the client folder in a timely an accurate manner. Maintains documents of shift case notes for each resident, as well as bed and meal counts.
   c. Provide crisis intervention and emotional support as necessary and information and referrals to other services providers and resources.
   d. Provides empowering support to residents experiencing discipline problems with children, including education about non-violent methods. Promotes positive resident interaction, offers conflict resolution during disagreements and educates residents about positive communication.
   e. Supervises all shelter activities, including cooking, clean-up and children's bedtime. Supervises family time and offers activities that promote healthy and positive interactions.

Qualifications

- High school graduate and one year of related experience
- An understanding of the issue of domestic and sexual violence and sensitivity to the plight of battered women.

Rangers top Tigers in twice-delayed ALCS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—After the rain, the Texas Rangers opened the AL championship series by beating Justin Verlander for the second time this year.

Nelson Cruz broke a postseason slump with a home run that helped boost the Rangers over the Tigers 3-2 Saturday night as rain followed the Detroit ace and caused nearly two hours of delays.

The defending AL champion Rangers scored all their runs off Verlander before the game was interrupted twice for a total of 1 hour, 50 minutes in the top of the fifth. The final out wasn't until 12:03 a.m. CDT.

David Murphy hit an RBI single in the second and scored on Ian Kinsler's single, and Cruz's leadoff homer in the fourth made it 3-0.

In between the delays, Austin Jackson doubled in a run and scored on a wild pitch by Rangers starter C.J. Wilson. Alexi Ogando, who got all three of the Rangers' regular-season wins over Detroit this year, pitched two scoreless innings for the victory. Neftali Feliz, clocked at up to 101 mph, worked the ninth for his fourth save this postseason.

Game 2 is Sunday night. Derek Holland starts for Texas against Max Scherzer, who pitched 1 1-3 innings in relief for the Tigers in their AL division series clincher Thursday night against the New York Yankees.

Texas faced Verlander only once during the regular season, a 2-0 Rangers' win on April 11 when Verlander lost despite pitching a six-hitter.

The likely AL Cy Young Award winner was 3-0 with a 1.29 ERA in his three previous career starts at hitter-friendly Rangers Ballpark, allowing three runs in 21 innings. Texas matched that run total in four innings when it counted most.

Verlander threw one inning and 25 pitches in the division series opener at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 30 when that game was suspended by rain. Under a rules change adopted two years ago, postseason games are suspended when called instead of being cut short or wiped out.

Verlander came back and started Game 3, winning as he threw 120 pitches over eight innings, and he threw 82 pitches in four innings against the Rangers before the first delay.

The Rangers, in their second consecutive ALCS after never winning a postseason series before last year, left two runners on base in the first.

Mike Napoli led off the Texas second with a single, then scored when Murphy got the head of his bat on a low pitch and pulled it into the right-center gap, where the ball one-hopped the wall.

Cruz's drive leading off the fourth ended an 0-for-10 postseason slump and was his Rangers-record seventh postseason homer, one more than two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez.

AP

Texas Rangers starting pitcher C.J. Wilson delivers the ball during Game 1 of baseball's American League championship series Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

Before the fifth inning, Rangers Ballpark groundskeeper Dennis Klein went out and spoke with plate umpire Tim Welke about the weather. There had already been a couple of short periods of rain before then.

A few minutes later, after Ramon Santiago led off the fifth with a double and while Brandon Inge was batting with a 1-0 count against Wilson, the intensity of the rain picked up. Welke then stopped the game for the first time and had the field covered.

Play was stopped for 41 minutes but the teams got only 13 minutes in before the tarp came out again. In between the delays, the Tigers scored twice and loaded the bases with two outs.

The rain delays were the first at Rangers Ballpark since May 24. This season was played during one of the hottest and driest summers ever in North Texas, including 27 games when the temperature was 100 degrees or more at first pitch.

Wilson, who had thrown 72 pitches before the first delay, threw 24 more during the short resumption.

On the first pitch after play resumed, Inge grounded out. Jackson followed with a double that rolled into a puddle by the wall in right-center field and scored Santiago. Jackson eventually scored on a wild pitch while Wilson loaded the bases on three walks before heavy rain started falling again.

Michael Gonzalez replaced Wilson and needed only two pitches to induce an inning-ending groundout by Alex Avila.

Ogando, a reliver-turned-starter who is back in the bullpen in the playoffs, struck out three over the sixth and seventh innings. While he was beating the Tigers during the regular season, the other Rangers pitchers combined to go 0-6.

When Jackson struck out to end the sixth, Ogando hopped off the mound slapping his glove. He had a similar reaction when Martinez struck out to end the seventh.

Rick Porcello, Detroit's scheduled Game 4 starter, had two scoreless innings after replacing Verlander.

Game 2 is Sunday. Derek Holland pitches for Texas against Max Scherzer.

After Miami game, players meet on lockout

MIAMI (AP)—Carmelo Anthony fully expects the NBA to cancel some regular-season games soon, and said players around the league have been bracing to hear that grim news.

The way Anthony put it Saturday night, it almost seems inevitable.

"They're going to cancel the first two weeks of the season," Anthony said. "We'll see what happens then. If they want to lock us out, lock us out. We're going to stick together."

The New York Knicks forward played in the South Florida All-Star Classic hosted by Heat stars LeBron James and Dwyane Wade in Miami, the latest—and most competitive—of the many exhibitions players have participated in during this lockout that reached the 100-day mark Saturday. NBA Commissioner David Stern has said that the first two weeks of the regular season could be canceled as early as Monday if a deal is not struck.

Anthony says it would not be "realistic" for the sides to agree on anything before then.

"I don't think nothing is going to happen between now and Monday," Anthony said. "So we've just got to be prepared for that, be prepared for the lockout for the first two weeks and see where all this is going."

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that Wade called an hourlong meeting with players after his Team Wade pulled out a 141-140 overtime victory over Team LeBron. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because talks were to remain private, saying Wade, Chris Paul and Miami Heat player representative James Jones fielded questions about the status of negotiations.

The person also said Wade has taken "a more active role" in talks about a new labor deal of late and that he urged players to be "informed rather than accept any deal."

Before the meeting, Anthony said the lockout is "sad all the way across."

"It's sad for us as players. It's sad for the whole NBA. It's sad for the fans of the NBA. It's sad for our personal fans. So we want to keep giving back like this," Anthony said.

Virtually all the players in Saturday's game shared a similar sentiment. The game drew a sold-out crowd of 4,000 to Florida International University, where Basketball Hall of Famer—and past NBA players' association president—Isiah Thomas is the Panthers' coach.

Thomas has said often during the lockout that he expects nothing to happen until owners and players agree that neither can succeed without the other.

"The players aren't canceling the game, so they shouldn't take the responsibility, nor should they have the fault of carrying the burden for canceling games," Thomas said Saturday night. "They're willing and ready to play."

Saturday's game at FIU wasn't like many other exhibitions. Defense was played by both sides until the final seconds, players argued for calls and even dove for loose balls. Other games this summer have had little defense, almost no offensive structure and turned into glorified dunk contests.

"You could see from the way we played tonight, we want to play," Golden State's Dorell Wright said. "And the way the fans reacted to us, you could see they want to see us play."

On Friday, word came that a late attempt to get the two sides together broke down when the NBA wouldn't move off a 50-50 revenue split with players. Players were guaranteed 57 percent of basketball-related income under the previous collective bargaining agreement and have proposed lowering it to 53 percent in a new deal, but that remaining 3 percent represents an unbridged gap of about $120 million.

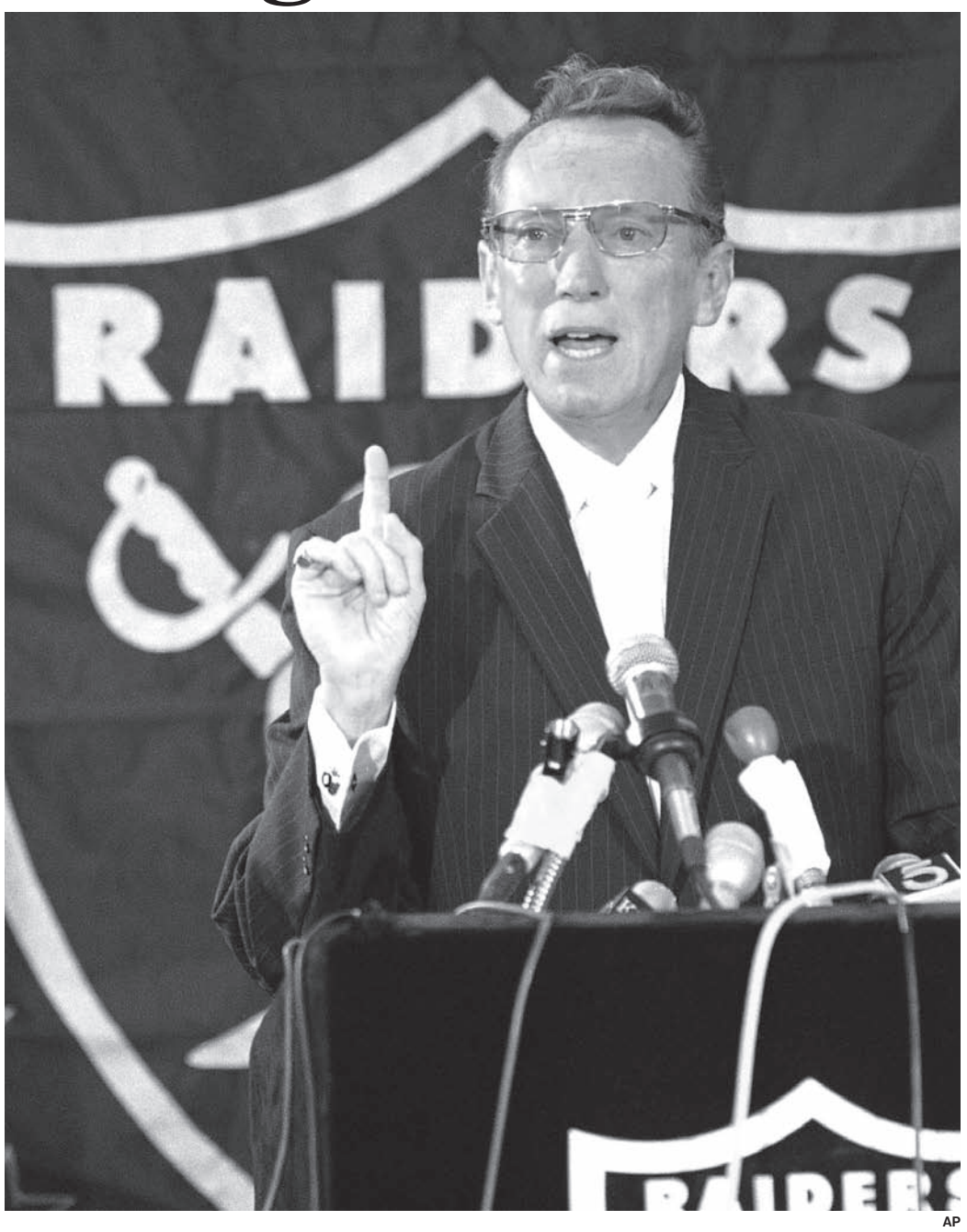
For players and fans, the prospect of no basketball this season—or even a shorter schedule—was difficult to take Saturday.

"The good thing about this whole situation is that the fans are thirsty for basketball, we're thirsty for basketball and we want to play it," said free agent forward Caron Butler. "Everyone needs to understand that we're locked out. We're not on strike. We're locked out. We want to play basketball, so when we're able to play basketball under the right terms, we're ready."

Anthony said he would like to schedule an exhibition in New York for sometime around the middle of November. He's holding off on the planning for one big reason - he'd rather be in training camp with the Knicks soon.

"We'll keep it going," said Anthony, who has been a key part of several exhibitions this offseason, including ones in Baltimore and Philadelphia. "Until they say the lockout is over, we'll keep putting these games on."

Renegade Raiders owner Al Davis dead



AP

In this Friday, Aug. 22, 1987 file photo, Los Angeles Raiders Managing General Partner Al Davis discusses the agreement he has signed with the city of Irwindale, Calif. during a news conference in El Segundo, Calif. Davis, the Hall of Fame owner of the Oakland Raiders known for his rebellious spirit, has died. The team announced his death at age 82 on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Al Davis was a rebel with a cause—"Just win, baby" he exhorted his beloved Oakland Raiders.

And as the NFL well knows, he was also a rebel with a subpoena.

Davis, who bucked league authority time and again and won three Super Bowl titles during his half-century in professional football, died Saturday. He was 82.

The Hall of Famer died at his home in Oakland, the team said. The cause of death was not immediately disclosed.

Davis was one of the most important figures in pro football history from his role in the development of the AFL, the merger with the NFL and the success he built on the field with the Raiders.

"Al Davis's passion for football and his influence on the game were extraordinary," Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "He defined the Raiders and contributed to pro football at every level. The respect he commanded was evident in the way that people listened carefully every time he spoke. He is a true legend of the game whose impact and legacy will forever be part of the NFL."

Davis was also a litigious gadfly. That was most evident during the 1980s when he went to court—and won—for the right to move his team from Oakland to Los Angeles. Even after he moved the Raiders back to the Bay Area in 1995, he sued for $1.2 billion to establish that he still owned the rights to the L.A. market.

Before that, though, he was a pivotal figure in hastening the merger between the AFL—where he served as commissioner—and the more established NFL. Davis was not initially in favor of a merger, but his aggressive pursuit of NFL players for his fledgling league and team helped bring about the eventual 1970 combination of the two leagues into what is now the most popular sport in the country.

"Al Davis was a good man, and we were friendly rivals," Steelers chairman emeritus Dan Rooney said in a statement released by the Steelers. "He was a football man and did a lot for the game of football. I had a lot of respect for him, and he will be missed throughout the entire NFL."

But Davis was hardly an NFL company man.

Not in the way he dressed—usually satin running suits, one white, one black, and the occasional black suit, black shirt and silver tie. Not in the way he wore his hair—slicked back with a '50s duck-tail. Not in the way he talked—Brooklynese with Southern inflection. Not in the way he did business—on his own terms, always on his own terms.

"His contributions and expertise were inspiring at every level—coach, general manager, owner and commissioner," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "There was no element of the game of professional football for which Al did not enjoy a thorough and complete level of knowledge and passion."

Elected in 1992 to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Davis was a trailblazer during his half-century in professional football. He hired the first black head coach of the modern era - Art Shell in 1988. He hired the first Latino coach, Tom Flores; and the first woman CEO, Amy Trask. And he was infallibly loyal to his players and officials: to be a Raider was to be a Raider for life.

"Everybody realizes that sooner or later, you're going to die. You never expected that from him, because he was so tough," said former Raiders Hall of Famer cornerback Willie Brown. "The things he'd gone through over the years, of course. He's meant a lot to this organization, because he's the leader. It's hard to replace a great leader and a legend like Al Davis."

Coach Hue Jackson told the team of Davis' death at a meeting in Houston on Saturday morning. Fans dressed in Raiders jerseys, meanwhile, quickly made their way to team headquarters in Alameda, where a black flag with the team logo flew at half-staff and a makeshift memorial formed at the base of the flag pole.

"Definitely shocking news for us," quarterback Jason Campbell said. "We got here last night and then you wake up this morning and hear we lost our owner, the man who built this team for many, many years, it's tough to take in as a team. We understand what he meant to this organization. He loved his players, and that didn't matter if you were here now, or if you played for him 30 years ago. He still loved all his players."

People carrying flowers, flags, silver and black pompoms and even a football-shaped balloon stopped by to pay tribute on a warm, crystal clear fall day in the Bay Area. A tiny candle burned as well.

NFL *mourns Oakland owner*

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Al Davis was remembered Saturday as the AFL commissioner who helped lead the merger with the NFL that changed professional football forever.

He was praised as the trendsetting owner of the Oakland Raiders, who broke racial and gender barriers while winning three Super Bowl titles and preaching his mantra of "Just win, baby!"

Davis died at age 82, still called "Coach" by many of those around him. Coach Hue Jackson always used that respected title whenever he talked about Davis, saying there was no other owner in the NFL who could talk the intricacies of the game as well as "Coach Davis."

He died Saturday at his home in Oakland, while his beloved team was in Houston preparing to play the Texans. That Davis was not with his team was telling as he is believed to have missed only three games since joining the team as coach in 1963.

He did not appear at a single training camp practice this summer and missed a game in Buffalo last month.

"As he became older, he developed some health problems, and he just couldn't be out there each and every practice, like he used to be. That's too bad. But we all age, and things change," said Jim Plunkett, who won two Super Bowl titles after Davis revived his career by bringing him to Oakland. "But he never lost his love and his fire for the game. Just sitting in the box with him, even though he couldn't speak loudly, this year, he'd get his point across, telling everyone that they shouldn't have done this or they should've done that. He wasn't yelling anymore. But he was still into it."

Davis did attend Oakland's home game last week against New England, and Plunkett said he had a smile on his face when the Raiders led early. Oakland lost that game 31-19 to fall to 2-2, but this year's edition of the Raiders appears to be the best the team has had since losing the Super Bowl following the 2002 season.

"I sit in his box for every home game," Plunkett said. "I've gleaned so much from him. He talks about philosophies and how the game has changed, what each individual player means to a team, what they can do. An offense will huddle and come up to the line of scrimmage and right away, he can tell you what the next play is probably going to be, because he studies film so much. It was a joy being in that box. I learned so much from him, even after football."

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"During this indescribably difficult time, let us all reflect upon what it means to be a Raider—let us all reflect upon how privileged we are to be Raiders—and let us all be Raiders," Trask wrote in an email to team employees on Saturday.

Davis was infallibly loyal to his players and officials: to be a Raider was to be a Raider for life.

"Forty eight years ago, I met Al, and every once in a while in your life, someone comes along that changes the direction of your life," Flores said. "He did that to me and changed the direction with his passion for the Raiders and professional football. He was a dear man, my mentor and most of all, my friend. I will miss him."

For decades, his team was one of the most successful in the game, living up to his trademark philosophy of "Just Win Baby." Since going to the Super Bowl following the 2002 season, the Raiders have not had a winning record

Woods posts another 68, but middle of the pack

FRYS.COM OPEN

SAN MARTIN, Calif. (AP)—Tiger Woods put together back-to-back rounds in the 60s for the first time since the start of the season. It wasn't enough Saturday at the Frys.com Open, and Woods knew it.

After making a mess of the par 3s, Woods had to settle for a 3-under 68 that put him in the middle of the pack.

Woods was the first to tee off—on the back nine—and while two straight birdies on Nos. 1 and 2 pulled him within three shots, the leaders were in the group ahead of him and just getting started.

It was too beautiful of a day at CordeValle, with bright sunshine and barely a breeze. The pins were accessible. Everyone was making birdies. Woods didn't make enough.

"The golf course could have been had today," Woods said. "Guys can take it deep out there."

In his first PGA Tour event in seven weeks—and his last official PGA Tour event of the year—Woods was still wading in water. After two early birdies in his round, he had a chip from just off the green at No. 16 lip out of the cup, then didn't come close to driving the green on the par-4 17th even though it required a straight tee shot to a pin in the middle of the putting surface.

He was at 4-under 209, in a tie for 38th and nine shots behind going into the final round.

Woods at least broke 70 in back-to-back rounds for the first time since his 69-69 start at Torrey Pines in his first tournament of the year. He finished poorly that week and tied for 44th.

Woods missed nearly four months with left leg injuries he suffered at the Masters, and said he didn't have enough time to practice when he returned to play poorly in two events. He failed to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs, giving him a nearly two-month break.

"I was very close to really putting it together on the front nine—birdie 17 and 18, and all of a sudden, I'm 5 under," Woods said.

He didn't, and he wasn't.

His tee shot on the 17th, which played only 294 yards over a pond, was pulled badly to the left in deep grass around a bunker, and Woods chopped it out across the green. He hit two good shots on the 18th, only to miss an 8-foot birdie putt.

"It's getting better," Woods said. "I'm improving day by day, which is good. Obviously, tomorrow I need to improve a lot and make the putts and post a really low one tomorrow."

Pacquiao-Marquez to eclipse Mayweather-Ortiz at gates

BOXING

MANILA— The third fight between Manny Pacquiao and Juan Manuel Marquez is sure to surpass the gate receipts of the recent Floyd Mayweather Jr.-Victor Ortiz showdown at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Renowned promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank told ESPN.com Friday that the gate for the trilogy slated Nov. 12 at the same venue would be approximately $11.7 million.

Mayweather's controversial fourth round knockout of Ortiz raked in $9 million according to the Nevada Athletic Commission despite having 3,052 tickets unsold.

In contrast, Pacquiao-Marquez III is a guaranteed sellout with live attendance to range between 16,000 to 17,000.

If Arum's prediction holds true, then the trilogy would be the ninth largest gate in Nevada history.

Pacquiao's eighth round stoppage of Oscar De La Hoya in 2008 ranks third with $14,380,300 in ticket sales.

To further drum up interest in the battle for Pacquiao's World Boxing Organization welterweight crown, Arum told Dan Rafael that he and the pound-for-pound king will be interviewed by CNN's Piers Morgan on October 28. In addition, Pacquiao will make his fifth straight pre-fight appearance on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on November 3. ***(PDI)***

JETS

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launched they own rally in the fourth, scoring 13 points in the first three minutes against the Rollers' two for the former's biggest lead, 65-59.

Sensing trouble, Rollers coach Joe Diaz sued for time and his wards responded with an 11-0 scoring spree to regain control of the match, 70-65, 4:13 left on the clock.

Again, the Jets found ways to close in with Ezra Caro making six straight points to move his team within one, 73-74, 2:09 left on the clock.

The final two-minute mark was the last time Rollers had the lead as after a missed drive from Leo Galarse, Melvin Cadiang sprinted for a fastbreak layup to put the Jets on top, 75-74.

The Jets hung in there, as it held the Filcag Rollers scoreless for more than two minutes, while Cadiang, Caro, Sajh Hossain, and Eugene Manglona delivered the needed baskets for the team in the closing minutes.

Manglona was perfect in his last four trips at the stripe after an airball in one of his previous stints at the foul line and made two big defensive stops. He stole a kickoff pass, leading to a Cadiang fastbreak layup and the Jets' 80-74 lead. Then, Manglona blocked Brandon Aulerio's reverse layup and picked up the loose ball.

The Filcag Rollers had several opportunities to recover, but had poor shot selections, going for early triples instead of high percentage two-pointers. Leo Galarse took one of those hurried triples in a fastbreak play with Rollers behind by only four, 78-74. He missed and the Jets made a long pass for Cadiang's breakaway layup.

When the Rollers finally hit their treys—one each from Aulerio and Josh Kiyoshi—timed had already ran out and the Jets were assured of the championship after going 6-for-6 from the foul line.

Manglona top-scored for the Jets with his 20 points and drew solid support from his fellow starters. Caro added 18, while Hossain and Cadiang chipped in 17 and 16, respectively. Kevin Deleon, who did a good quarterbacking job for the Jets, also finished in double figures with 11 despite leaving the match in the last 2:27 due to cramps.

Galarse paced Filcag Rollers with 21 markers, but was scoreless in the last 4:32 of the finals. Pat Torres contributed 14, but was pulled out midway in the fourth in favor of Aulerio. Luizi Reyes was given a brief rest in the last four minutes of the game, but when he came back he struggled with his passes against the double-teaming defense of the Jets. The Filcag Rollers guard finished with only eight points and committed three errant passes in the homestretch.

Reyes was held to only two points in the first period, but the Rollers got two triples from Torres for a 21-12 lead.

The Jets made it a two-point game at the break, 33-35, as their starters began to jell well on offense. Cadiang scored eight points, Manglona had six, and Hossain nailed five. Then in the third period, the Rollers stretched its lead to four, 56-52, with Torres and Galarse hitting their shots. In the fourth and final quarter, the two Rollers gunners went cold, while the Jets were on a zone to grab the driver's seat and the title.

Meanwhile, in the battle for third place, Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense defeated MDX/Armatech, 89-79.

SIP controlled the match from start to finish, capitalizing on a depleted MDX crew. MDX played without its top scorer—Matt Duenas.

Jaymark De Guzman and Jack Aranda teamed up in giving SIP a third place finish scoring 22 and 20 markers, respectively. Niko Salem added 11.

Pedro Castro led MDX's losing cause with his 23 points, while Lawrence Rollon tallied 20.

Consolation Game

SIP 89 – De Guzman 22, Aranda 20, Ni. Salem 11, Cenir 9, Darag 6, Alegre 4, Saturno 4, Mariano 2.

MDX 79 – Castro 23, Rollon 20, Francisco 13, Ano 12, Feria 7, Maranan 6.

Scoring by quarters: 24-23, 46-48, 73-67, 89-79.

Finals

AFP/Jets 86 – Manglona 20, Caro 18, Hossain 17, Cadiang 16, De Leon 11, Webb 2.

Filcag Rollers 80 – Galarse 21, Torres 14, Aulerio 12, Reyes 8, Kiyoshi 8, Namelo 6, Eubanks 3, Iglecias 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-21, 33-35, 52-56, 86-80.

SWIMMERS

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anas High School, Hopwood Junior High, Chacha Junior High, Garapan Elementary School, San Vicente, Dandan, Kagman, and Gregorio T. Camacho.

Whispering Palms kept its reign in the elementary division last year after earning 231 points and beating Garapan Elementary School (192 points) and Saipan Community School (78 points). Points were given to schools based on how their swimmers finished the race. Only the Top 2 placers of each school were given points, which were totaled to determine the Top 3 schools. The same point system will be implemented in this weekend's competition to determine the Top 3 placers in the elementary, junior high school, and high school divisions.

In the junior high, SCS prevailed over Whispering Palms as the former collected 91 points against the latter's 53. SIS completed the Top 3 with its 51 points.

Last year's race for the high school championship was a lopsided one with Southern winning with its 91 points. Kagman and SIS were tied for second with 16 points each.

This weekend's races will begin at 8am, while warm-up will start at 7am.

Meanwhile, SSC is reminding interested individuals about a free clinic this Thursday.

The club will host a one-hour clinic through the help of Mariana Resort & Spa at the Marpi pool and swimmers have only until tomorrow to register. Slots are limited to only 20 individuals. XTERRA pro Mieko Carey will hold the clinic from 5pm to 6pm.

For more information, contact Lisa Kimball at coach@saipanswimclub.com.

CNMI

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topped host New Caledonia in the playoffs, 11-5, and shut out 2007 champion Palau, 8-0, to advance to the gold medal match. In the preliminary round, the CNMI Team posted a 3-2 record, losing to Guam and New Caledonia and winning over Fiji, American Samoa, and Palau.

"Thank you for recognizing our players' hard work," said Saipan Major League baseball president Rose Igitol at the NMASA meeting last Thursday night.

Another Pacific Games competitor—Northern Marianas Athletics' Rachel Abrams—was honored in the monthly meeting. She was named Female Student Athlete of the Month (for September).

The Marianas High School student also made history in New Caledonia when she became the first CNMI sprinter to race in the finals of the Pacific Games. The 16-year-old runner came in at second in her qualifying heat in the 200m race, timing in at 27.46 seconds, to move into the finals. Abrams also joined the 100m race and posted a new personal best time with her 13.40 seconds.

Meanwhile, NMASA also selected the student awardees for August after it failed to do so last month as officials and athletes were in New Caledonia.

Tennis swept the monthly plums with junior netter Tammy Ackerman and Christian Miller claiming the Female and Male Student Athletes of the Month awards.

The two CNMI junior tennis players were voted for the coveted award after their impressive performance in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji. Ackerman ruled the girls U12 singles division of the POJC, beating teammate Negahr Rastguiy in the finals. She also took the doubles crown, joining forces with Rastguiy. Miller was the runner-up in the boys U15 division and the champion in the doubles, teaming up with Jake Lee.

Both netters were also selected to be part of the ITF Pacific Oceania Touring Team that will compete in Australia early next year.

TOSHIBA

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Championship trophies and $500 cash were presented to Toshiba during a brief awards ceremony at CBC last Thursday. The champion team is composed of Ruben Avendano, Orly Ebuen, Ron Cal, Paul Bea, Atoy Banting, Roger Vales, Malou Cabigao, Joe Digno, and Jon Eparwa.

In 17 weeks, Toshiba collected 48,490 pinfalls for an average of 789 per game. It recorded 1,025 and 3,014 in the handicap game and series, respectively, and 909 in the high game and 2,614 in the high series.

Century Insurance, which had Simon Manacop, Raul Dumapit, and Raphael, Ross, Raymond, and Ruselle Zapanta as members, settled for the runner-up cash prize of $300 after completing the season with a 44.5-23.5 record.

The runner-up team took extra cash after ruling the high game scratch with its 1,012 pinfalls against San Jose Court's 984 and high series scratch of 2,884 versus the 2,633 of San Jose Court. San Jose Court prevailed in the high game with handicap (1,149) and high series with handicap (3,128), beating Ocho (1,097) and Century Insurance (3,091), respectively.

Ocho finished fourth in the field and pocketed $100, while third placer The Company VI went home with $200. The Company VI members were Elena Soll, Andrew Sablan, Yho Villavicencio, Tony and Troy Verdaguer, Joe Sugue, Jess delos Santos, and Taitano.

Cristy Villaflor, Efren Taburnal, Miguel Morta, Boy Sabate, Jerry Pagarao, Dannie Robles, Darwin Gonzales, and Gina Sablan played for Ocho.

Other teams that joined the Thursday Night League were Dial Recharge (32-36), San Jose Court (31.5-36.5), Philippine Consulate (30-38), JT's Team (13-55), and I-Connect (2-50).

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

FRYS.COM OPEN SCORES

SAN MARTIN, California (AP)–Scores Saturday from the Frys.com Open, a U.S. PGA Tour event played at the 7,368-yard, par-71 CordeValle Golf Club Course.
(a-amateur)

THIRD ROUND

Briny Baird	67-69-64–200
Paul Casey	70-64-68–202
Ernie Els	69-66-67–202
Adam Hadwin	71-68-64–203
Charlie Wi	72-67-64–203
Bryce Molder	71-67-65–203
Bud Cauley	69-66-68–203
John Rollins	69-70-65–204
Josh Teater	71-68-66–205
Jim Renner	75-68-62–205
Chris Stroud	71-66-68–205
Will MacKenzie	73-70-62–205
Kevin Na	69-72-65–206
Brandt Jobe	69-72-65–206
Roland Thatcher	69-70-67–206
David Mathis	73-67-66–206
Brendan Steele	67-71-68–206
Shane Bertsch	70-68-68–206
Matt McQuillan	70-68-68–206
Garrett Willis	67-69-70–206
Nathan Green	72-64-70–206
Cameron Percy	71-69-67–207
Sunghoon Kang	70-68-69–207
Spencer Levin	71-67-69–207
Nate Smith	72-65-70–207
Lee Janzen	70-71-67–208
Billy Horschel	72-68-68–208
Matt Jones	68-72-68–208
John Merrick	71-70-67–208
David Hearn	71-68-69–208
Angel Cabrera	74-65-69–208
Chad Campbell	69-70-69–208
Derek Lamely	72-70-66–208
Tim Petrovic	72-70-66–208
Woody Austin	71-71-66–208
Erick Justesen	71-67-70–208
Rod Pampling	68-69-71–208
Tiger Woods	73-68-68–209
Arjun Atwal	71-70-68–209
William McGirt	70-71-68–209
Trevor Immelman	70-69-70–209
Paul Stankowski	71-68-70–209
Frank Lickliter II	73-70-66–209
Tom Pernice, Jr.	74-69-66–209
Billy Mayfair	71-66-72–209
Vaughn Taylor	73-70-66–209
Troy Matteson	68-68-73–209
Michael Connell	73-68-69–210
Ricky Barnes	72-68-70–210
Greg Chalmers	69-73-68–210
Chris Riley	71-68-71–210
Michael Thompson	70-72-68–210
Colt Knost	76-67-67–210
Marc Leishman	72-66-72–210
Richard S. Johnson	74-69-67–210
Hunter Haas	69-71-71–211
Heath Slocum	72-69-70–211
Bobby Gates	72-70-69–211
Steven Bowditch	68-70-73–211
Blake Adams	74-69-68–211
Louis Oosthuizen	71-70-71–212
Scott Gutschewski	70-71-71–212
Rocco Mediate	71-71-70–212
Scott Piercy	69-73-70–212
Steve Elkington	74-69-69–212
Martin Piller	72-71-69–212
Steve Flesch	73-69-71–213
Justin Leonard	70-72-71–213
Fabian Gomez	72-70-71–213
a-Patrick Cantlay	69-74-70–213
Ben Martin	72-71-70–213

The following players made cut will not play on Sunday

Paul Goydos	72-68-74–214
James Driscoll	72-68-74–214
Andres Gonzales	69-72-73–214
George McNeill	75-66-74–215
Matt Bettencourt	67-74-74–215
Aron Price	68-71-76–215
Patrick Reed	73-70-72–215
Cameron Tringale	72-71-75–218
Chris DiMarco	74-68-77–219

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Weekend Sports

Dramatic wins in UFO Bud Cup playoffs

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Exciting games were played last weekend.

In the UFO Bud Cup playoffs, Bayani/Mobil eliminated Cabalen/Noni, 110-105, after the latter committed crucial turnovers in the homestretch. Cabalen gave up the win with still 8.3 seconds as it walked out of the match.

Two days after Bayani's come-from-behind win, MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt also recorded a clutch triumph over VisMinda/Satbahi, 79-77. J.R. Barrios drilled the game-winning basket in the last .5 second of the tiff.

VisMinda protested the last-second shot, but UFO organizers thumbed down the complaint.

Still in the UFO caging, Namfrel/Proa survived Mobil's rally to eke out a 110-105 victory and grabbed the first finals berth.

In the UFO Docomo Cup, MDX/Armatech clinched the masters crown after beating 2010 champion Cabalen/Wings Travel in the finals, 84-79. The win was decided from the foul line with Wings Travel losing the match as it went 2-for-16 from the stripe.

Also nailing championship wins were five pairs who ruled their respective divisions in the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic. The list include Dick Guintu and Hannah Choi, Gary Bandoja and Choi, Heo In Sook and Bandoja, Mario Diola and Choi, Kim Boranah and Joel Ortega.

Other notable events last week were the opening of the MISO girls caging, the playoff matches in the Rotary league, and the NMIFa youth league.

Saipan International School drew first blood in the MISO varsity caging after downing Kagman High School, 40-31, while Marianas High School clobbered Saipan Southern High School, 81-27.

In the Rotary caging, the Sonics and Rollers Basketball Club Fast 12 advanced to the next round after winning their first round playoff matches. The Sonics ousted the Ol'Aces, 60-41, while Fast 12 defeated RBC Ray Basa-Kagman Rollers, 78-39.

In the NMIFA youth league, MP United 1 edged sister team MP United 2 for a share of the lead with Tan Holdings FC in the boys U15 division. Tan Holdings matched MP United's 2-0 record after whipping Shirley's FC 1 in Week 2, 12-1.

In the girls U15, Matansa also improved to a 2-0 slate and took the early lead after prevailing over MP United, 2-1. Other winners in Week 2 were Shirley's FC in the girls U15, Matansa in the boys U15, and Paire FC in the boys U18.

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Ferdie Arago goes for a smash while teammate Annette Quiambao looks on during their semis match against Dick Guintu and Hannah Choi in the mixed doubles Class A division of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Bayani/Mobil's Leo Factor rams into the defense of Namrel/Proa's Kovin Ogumoro during their semis game in the UFO Bud Cup caging last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

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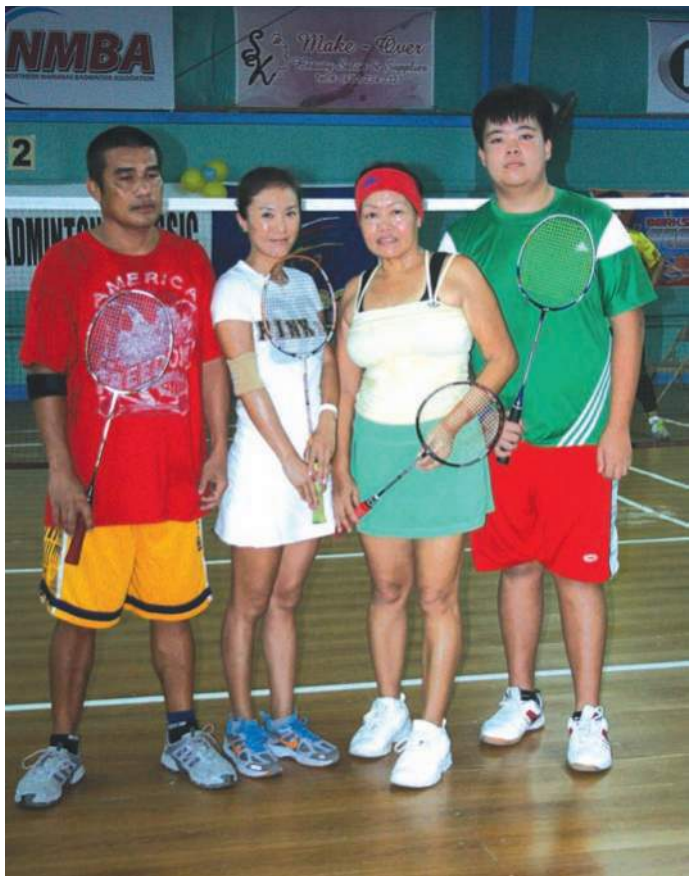
MDX/Armatech's Art Trajano goes for a layup against Cabalen/Wings Travel's Edwin Santos during their title game in the UFO Docomo Cup at the TSL Sports Complex.



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From left, finalists Joel Ortega, Kim Boranah, Cleofe Santos, and Kanata Omori pose for a group photo before their championship match in the mixed doubles Class C division of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classis last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Saipan International School's Zoe Jewell pulls up for a shot against Kagman High School defenders during the opening game in the MISO caging last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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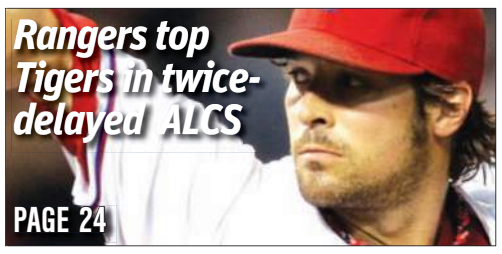
MP United 1's Kaisei Toda, left, is defended by MP United 2 strikers during their boys U15 game in the NMIFA league last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
The Sonics' Ezra Caro, left, slashes through the defense of New Fresh Market Ol'Aces players during the playoff game in the U19 division of the Rotary caging at the TSL Sports Complex.



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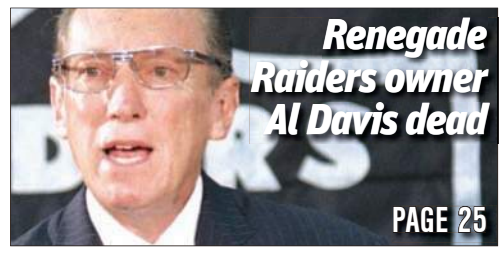

Jets clinch championship

The AFP/Jets' Eugene Manglona, center, is clobbered by two Filcag Rollers defenders during their title game in the UFO Docomo Cup last Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

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The Jets saved enough fuel in the homestretch to beat the Filcag Rollers in the finals, 86-80, and secure the championship in the UFO Inter-Organization Youth Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 last Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

After falling behind at the end of each of the first three quarters, the AFP/Jets stepped up in the fourth and final frame and won the game of streaks, outgunning the Filcag Rollers, 21-10, in the last 4:13 of the winner-take-all match.

The fourth canto started with the Filcag Rollers ahead, 56-52, after closing out the third with a 10-2 run. The Jets

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Toshiba tops Thursday Night League

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Toshiba reigned supreme in the 32nd season of the Philippine Bowling Association-Capital Bowling Center Thursday Night League after 17 weeks of competition at CBC in Garapan.

Toshiba finished the season with a 45.5-20.5 record, clinching the championship after a crucial 3.5-.5 win over eventual runner-up Century Insurance in the final week of the league last month. After tying Century Insurance in Game 1 of the important match, 1,007-1,007, Toshiba swept the last two games, 1,025-914 and 982-925, to win the overall title in the nine-team field.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of Toshiba receive championship trophies during the awards ceremony for the 32nd season of the Philippine Bowling Association-Capital Bowling Center Thursday Night League last Thursday at CBC in Garapan.

CNMI sluggers lead NMASA monthly awardees

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Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association recognized the CNMI Baseball Team's historic win in the 2011 Pacific Games after naming the members of the champion squad as the September Male Athletes of the Month.

The CNMI sluggers won the gold medal in the Pacific Games in New Caledonia after beating rival Guam in the finals, 8-4. The Commonwealth bets also

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Members and officials of the CNMI Baseball Team pose at the medal podium during the awards ceremony for the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia last month.

120 swimmers to join All Schools

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The 2011 Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swimming Championship will take place this Saturday with around 120 swimmers expected to join the weekend tournament at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Participants include those from Whispering Palms, which ruled the elementary division for the past six straight edition of the competition. Other schools fielding swimmers in the event are Saipan International School, Grace Christian Academy, Saipan Community School, Mt Carmel School, Saipan Southern High School, Mari-

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